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SECOND REPORT

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS

FOR THE

Parish of Stoke Newington,

IN THE

COUNTY OF LONDON.

March 1891, to March, 1892.

Form of Bequest.

I give and bequeath out of such parts of my personal estate as may lawfully be applied to charitable purposes, to the Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums for the Parish of Stoke Newington, in the County of London, the sum of
free from Legacy duty, to be expended for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said parish in such manner as the Commissioners may think proper, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Commissioners, or of such other person as they may appoint, shall be an effectual discharge for the same.

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COMMISSIONERS.—1891–92.

The Rev. L. E. SHELFORD, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's, *Chairman.*

Mr. WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy-Chairman*, 195, Albion Road.

,, JOHN CASWELL COLLINS, 63, Dynevor Road.

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,, JOHN JOHNSON RÜNTZ, 143, Bethune Road.

,, EDWARD JOHN SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.

,, JOHN SAMSON, 22, Paget Road.

,, MATTHEW SHAW, 130, Manor Road.

,, JAMES THOMAS SMITH, 82, Albion Road.

OFFICERS:—

Librarian.

JAMES FERNLEY.

Assistant Librarian.

ALFRED KELLY.

Caretaker.

JOHN LITTEN.

Bankers.

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited).
High Street, Stoke Newington.

Acting Clerk (*pro tem.*)

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SECOND REPORT

OF THE

Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums

FOR THE

PARISH OF STOKE NEWINGTON,

IN THE

COUNTY OF LONDON.

The Commissioners have to express their regret at the loss they and the ratepayers have sustained during the past year by the death, in the first instance of their late colleague, Mr. Joseph Beck, and subsequently by that of Mr. John Runtz, who succeeded him as a commissioner.

The Commissioners re-appointed the Rector as their Chairman, and the late Mr. Joseph Beck as Deputy Chairman, on whose death Mr. William Eve was appointed; the following Committees were also appointed viz:—

Building Committee.	*Finance Committee*	*Book Committee.*
Rev. Prebendary Shelford.	Rev Prebendary Shelford.	Rev. Prebendary Shelford.
Mr. Collins.	Mr. J. J. Runtz.	Mr. Collins.
,, Eve.	,, Sage.	,, Sage.
,, J. J. Rüntz.	,, Smith.	,, Samson.
,, Samson.	,, Shaw.	
,, Smith.		

The Commissioners again desire to offer their thanks to donors of books during the past year, a list of whom will be found at the end of this report.

The Commissioners have continued the use of the small hall at the Assembly Rooms in the Defoe Road, and shortly after Michaelmas last they deemed them-

selves justified in opening the lending library, a course that has (notwithstanding the restricted accommodation) been fully appreciated by many of the ratepayers, as is indicated by the number of borrowers.

The funds at the disposal of the Commissioners have consisted of the proceeds of a rate of one penny in the £ on the rateable value of the parish, amounting to £760, the proceeds of sales of tickets and of fines connected with the Lending Library, and a loan of £1,000 from the Prudential Assurance Company, raised for payment for the site for the Permanent Library.

The Commissioners have completed the purchase from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of the freehold site in Church Street, referred to in their report for last year at the price of £1,000.

The loan for this is payable with interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, by equal half-yearly instalments of £21 5s. each, extending over fifty years.

The Local Government Board have sanctioned the raising of further loans of £2,621, repayable in thirty years, and £379, repayable in ten years: the former for the erection, and the latter for the furnishing of the permanent Library.

The Commissioners procured ten designs for the proposed new building; and selected one submitted under the motto, "SPES," which was found to be that of Messrs. Bridgman and Goss.

This design was in due course sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and tenders were invited for the erection of a building in accordance therewith. Twelve tenders were obtained, the highest being for the sum of £3,262, and the lowest (that of Mr. W. M. Dabbs, of Stamford Hill) for the sum of £2,648, which was accepted, and the building is now in course of erection.

The Commissioners are indebted to the Vestry of the Parish for the continued use of a room at the Vestry Offices for their meetings.

The Commissioners have continued to devote as large a portion of their funds as practicable to the purchase of books, and they are now able to announce the acquisition, by purchase and donations, of 5,250 volumes, comprising many works of permanent value. The Commissioners will still be thankful for further gifts of books or subscriptions, as the demand for books is rapidly increasing and the present supply is insufficient.

Owing to the limited income at the disposal of the Commissioners, and to the regulations of the Local Government Board in regard to the period over which the re-payment of loans raised for building and furnishing purposes may be extended, the Commissioners are much restricted in their expenditure on the building now in progress, and they will gratefully receive donations from persons interested in the Library movement, to enable them adequately to complete and furnish the new building.

The average daily number of readers at the rooms arrived at by an hourly count, has this year been 342.

Appended to this report will be found—

1. A general description of the books already in the Library, with the number of volumes.
2. A list of the daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly papers and periodicals supplied to the Library.
3. The number of borrowers and their occupations.
4. List of the Donors.
5. A statement of the receipts and expenditure (subject to audit by the Local Government Board Auditor) for the past year.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY, AND THE INCREASE DURING THE YEAR.

Total number of Volumes - - - - -	5,250.
Increase during 1891—2 . - - - -	1,700.

		1890—1.	1891—2.
1.	Theology - -	87	133
2.	Philosophy -	8	20
3.	History Biography and Travel -	684	1351
4	Politics, Law, Trade	563	733
5	Science and Art -	238	417
6.	General Literature, including Fiction	1,970	2596
		3·550	5250

NOTE.—Of the 5,250 Volumes mentioned above, 3,272 have been placed in the Lending Library, and 1,978 have been retained in the Reference Department.

LIST OF PAPERS AND PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM.

Daily Morning Papers.

Chronicle
Daily Graphic
Daily News
Financial Times
Morning Post
Standard
Telegraph
Times

Daily Evening Papers.

Echo
Evening News and Post
Globe
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
Standard (Evening)
Star

Weekly Papers & Periodicals.

Alliance News (Presented by E. A. Gibson)
Architect
Athenæum
Baker's Times (Pres. by Publisher)
Black and White
Builder
Carpenter and Builder
Christian World (Pres. by T. Greenwood)
Church Times (Pres. anonymously)
City Press (2)
Draper's Record (Pres. by Publisher)
Economist (Pres. by W. W. Wright)
Electrical Review (Pres. by Publisher)
Empire, Toronto (Pres. by Publisher)
Engineering
English Churchman (Pres. by Publisher)
English Mechanic
Enquire Within (Pres. by Publishers)
European Mail (Pres. by Publishers)
Exchange and Mart (Pres. by T. Greenwood)

Fun
Funny Folks

Gardener's Chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Guardian (Pres. by Rev. Prebendary Shelford)

Hackney & Kingsland Gazette (3)

Insurance & Monetary World Record (Pres. by Publishers)

Judy
Lady's Pictorial
Literary World
London News (Illustrated)

Mercury
Metropolitan (Pres. by Publishers)
Moonshine

Nature
North London Guardian

Penny Illustrated Paper
Phonetic Journal (Pres. by Publishers)

LIST OF PAPERS, &c.—*(Continued.)*

Punch
Queen
Railway Review (Pres. by Publishers)
Saturday Review
South Africa
South American Journal (Pres. by J. Samson, Esq.)
Speaker
Spectator
Stock Exchange (Pres. by J. Samson, Esq.)
Trade, Finance & Recreation (Pres. by Publishers)
Truth
Weekly Bulletin (Pres. by Publishers)
Weekly Recorder
Work
World

Monthly Magazines, &c.

All the Year Round
Animal World
Boy's Own Paper
Cassell's Family Magazine
Century
Chamber's Journal
Educational Times (Pres. by Publishers)
English Illustrated Magazines
Financial Reformer (Pres. by Publisher)
Fortnightly Review
Free Russia (Pres. by Publisher)
Girl's Own Paper
Good Words
Harper's Monthly Magazine
Idler
Land and Labor (Pres. by Mr. Bishop)
Leisure Hour
Liberator (Pres. by Liberation Soc.)
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
Musical Times
New Review
Nineteenth Century
Our Own Gazette (Pres. Anonymously)
Protestant Observer (Pres. Anon.)
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
Strand Magazine
Zoophilist (Pres. by Publisher)

Quarterlies.

Edinburgh Review
Quarterly Review.

Number and Occupations of the Borrowers.

Accountants	8
Agents	8
Analyst	1
Apprentices	3
Architect	1
Artist	1
Artist's Colorman	1
Baker	1
Billiard-marker	1
Bookbinder	1
Bookseller	1
Booksewer	1
Bootmaker	1
Bricklayers	2
Builders	5
Cabinet-makers	3
Canvasser	1
Card maker	1
Carpenter	1
Carvers and Gilders	2
Cashier	1
Cheesemongers	2
Chemists	2
Civil Service	2
Clergymen	4
Clerks	167
Clicker	1
Clock-maker	1
Coach-builder	1
Collar-maker	1
Companion	1
Compositors	8
Confectioner	1
Cook	1
Copyist	1
Corn-dealer	1
Correspondent	1
Decorators	3
Doctor	1
Draper	1
Draughtsmen	3
Dressmakers	16
Druggist	1
Dyer	1
Engine driver	1
Engineers	6
Foreman	1
Furrriers	2
Fruiterer	1
Gardeners	2
Gas-meter maker	1
General-dealer	1
Gold-beater	1
Governesses	4
Greengrocer	1
Grocers	3
Hair-dressers	2
Harness-maker	1
Horse-keeper	1
House-keepers	5
Ink maker	1
Instrument-makers	2
Insurance Directors	4
Ironmonger	1
Jewellers	2
Joiner	1
Journalists	4
Law-stationer	1
Law-writer	1
Letter-founder	1
Librarian's Assistants	2
Lift Attendant	1
Lithographer	1
Lithographic Printer	1
Managers	4
Manufacturers	3
Medical Students	3
Merchants	8
Milliners	5
Ministers	4
Miscellaneous Assistants	18
Missionary	1
Nurse	1
Office boys	3
Organ-builder	1
Plumbers	3
Police-officers	5
Porter	1
Post Office Employees	3
Press Reader	1
Printers	3
Printseller	1
Publican	1
Publisher	1
Pupil-teachers	10
Reading boy	1
Relieving-officer	1
Reporter	1
Salesmen	3
School boys	37
School girls	18
Schoolmasters	16
Schoolmistresses	3
Secretaries	4
Seed-merchant	1
Servants, domestic	3
Shoe Manuf'ctr.	1
Shop-fitter	1
Sign writers	2
Signalmen	2
Silversmiths	2
Smiths	3
Solicitors	4
Sorters (G.P.O.)	4
Stationers	2
Stenographer	1
Stockbrokers	2
Students	12
Tailors	9
Teachers	29
Teachers of Music	4
Telegraphists	9
Timber-merchant	1
Tobacconists	4
Travellers	17
Tutors	2
Upholsterer	1
Vocalists	2
Warehousemen	10
Watchmakers	2
Wine merchant	1
Woodcarvers	2
*Not stated	431
Total	1,050

NOTE.—The majority of these * are wives and daughters of Ratepayers.

DONORS AND DONATIONS.

	VOLS
Adams ( )	29
Agent General of Victoria	3
Ames (T. R. J.)	2
Anonymously	14
Barton (C.)	1
Beck (Mrs.)	3
Biller (Miss)	4
Blake (W. F.)	1
Bond (J. W.)	2
Brassey (Lord)	1
British Museum	14
Brookes (Miss)	13
Cambridge University Press	45
Cobbe (F. P.)	1
Cotsgreave (A.)	1
Cooke (Dr R. H.)	1
Fox (C. J.)	55
Fry (J. D.)	73
Holborn (R. M.)	24
Hon. East India Co.	5
Librarian Clerkenwell Free Library	1
,, St. Martin's ,, ,,	1
Principal Dublin University	4
,, Edinburgh ,,	1
,, King's College ,,	1
,, Victoria ,,	1
Rüntz (J.)	63
Sage (E. J.)	12
Shelford (Rev. Prebendary)	32
Smith (J. T.)	6
Sommerville (A.)	1
Strange (G.)	20
Tallack (W.)	1
Webb (Geo.)	21
Wilfred (T. E.)	4
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PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. MARY, STOKE NEWINGTON.

LADY-DAY, 1891, TO LADY-DAY, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, Lady Day, 1891	407	13	2
,, Petty Cash ,, ,,	3	6	0
	410	19	2
Proceeds of Rate (per the Overseers)	760	0	0
Sales of Library tickets, and of Fines	7	5	5
,, Surplus Papers	1	9	4
Loan of Prudential Assurance Co.	1000	0	0
	£2,179	13	11

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Books				456	12	9
Furniture				73	4	5
Salaries				220	10	2
Rent				150	0	0
Insurance				1	2	6
Bill-posting				0	10	0
Stationery				33	13	7
Miscellaneous, including—	£	s.	d.			
Mr. Taylor, for party wall	40	16	7			
Interest on purchase money of Site to Ecclesiastical Commissioners'	39	15	0			
Type writing Catalogues	15	0	0			
Architect's premium	10	10	0			
Sundries	28	2	10			
				134	4	5
Purchase of Library Site of Ecclesiastical Commissioners				1000	0	0
Balance at Bankers	104	19	0			
,, Petty Cash (Librarian)	4	17	1			
				109	16	1
				£2,179	13	11

STOKE NEWINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LONDON, N.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

1893-4.

LONDON
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COMMISSIONERS, 1893-4.

REV. PREBENDARY SHELFORD, M.A., The Rectory, *Chairman.*

MR. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*

*DR. ACHESON G. BARTLEY, 180, Albion Road.

†MR. JOHN C. COLLINS, 54, Lordship Road.

,, ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.

,, ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.

,, JOHN J. RÜNTZ, 131, Lordship Road.

,, EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.

,, MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.

,, JAMES T. SMITH, 82, Albion Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books.

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A., (*Chairman*).
*Dr. BARTLEY.
†Mr. COLLINS.
,, JOBSON.
,, ROYLE.
,, SAGE.

Finance.

Mr. SHAW, (*Chairman*).
,, RÜNTZ.
,, SAGE.
Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A.
Mr. SMITH.

House.

Mr. EVE, (*Chairman*).
*Dr. BARTLEY.
†Mr. COLLINS.
,, RÜNTZ.
Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A.
Mr. SMITH.

*Elected December, 1893. †Resigned December, 1893.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:

WILLIAM G. CHAMBERS. | H. TAPLEY SOPER.

Porter:

GEORGE S. TANTAM.

Bankers:

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK, (LIMITED), High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1894.

In presenting this, their Fourth Annual Report, the Commissioners feel that they have every reason to be gratified at the continued and increased success of the Institution placed under their care, every department of the work showing that it is daily becoming more popular, and extending its sphere of usefulness.

Stock. The number of volumes now in the Library is 9,041, being a nett increase for the year of 578. Of this number, 6,126 volumes are in the Lending Library, and 2,915 in the Reference Library.

Lending Library. During the year 68,850 volumes were issued in the Lending Library, the daily average being 279. This shows an average issue of 27 volumes to each reader, and an increase of 27,011 over the issues in this department during the previous year.

Tickets have been issued to and renewed by 2,700 borrowers; of these, 160 have been cancelled for various reasons, principally through removals from the parish, leaving a total now in force of 2,540, of which number 696 are ratepayers, and 1,844 non-ratepayers. A list of the occupations of the borrowers is appended, which shows that every class of inhabitant is included, a large proportion being of the artisan class.

Reference Library. The issues in the Reference Library also show a large increase, 9,342 volumes having been issued, a daily average of 30; this being an increase of 7,136 volumes over the issues of the previous year. The books issued in this department are of a thoroughly solid and educational character, and the majority of readers use it for purposes of serious study.

Total Issues and Class of Reading. The issues in both departments combined, make a grand total of 78,192 volumes, and a daily average of 309. The total stock of the Library has therefore been issued over eight times during the year.

Of the total issues, 49,805, or 63·6 per cent., were fiction. This may seem a large percentage, but it must be considered that works of fiction are, as a rule, read in about half the time required for works in the more solid classes of literature. The

fiction in the Library has been carefully selected, and the greatest demand is for the better class. Among the authors whose works are most in demand, are Lyall, Wood, Worboise, Braddon, Crawford, and Haggard, and closely following are Kingsley, Doyle, Collins, Barrie, Meredith, Dickens, and Corelli.

In other classes the reading is of a high character, and, where all the standard authors in each particular class of literature are those most in request, it is difficult to say which are the most popular. Ruskin's works on art and political economy may, however, take precedence, being followed closely by Tennyson.

CATALOGUE. The complete catalogue of the Library was published in August last, and to this, principally, is owing the large increase in the number of borrowers and books issued, which it is the Commissioners' pleasure, this year, to record. 2,500 copies were printed, and to place it within the reach of every borrower it was decided to sell it at the low price of sixpence. It has been highly appreciated by the borrowers, and during the five months ending March 25th, 1279 copies were sold.

STOCKTAKING. The Lending Library was closed for three weeks in August, prior to the publication of the catalogue, during which period the Library was thoroughly overhauled, re-classified, the system of location altered, and other changes made for the purpose of expediting the issue of books. Many worn-out and incomplete volumes were withdrawn, and a large number of volumes re-bound.

BINDING. 583 volumes have been re-bound during the year, in Banting's Flexible Binding, and several hundreds repaired by the Library staff. This has entailed a heavy expenditure, but the books are now in a fair state of repair, and it is anticipated that during the coming year the expenditure on binding will be considerably reduced.

READING ROOMS. The popularity of the Reading Rooms has been fully maintained throughout the year, the average daily attendance, based on occasional counts, being 850. Reading cases have been provided for most of the periodicals, and the gas lighting improved. A table is now reserved for lady readers, a privilege which is much appreciated.

The portraits in oil of the late Mr. Joseph Beck, and Mr. John Rüntz (former Commissioners), painted by Mr. J. R. Dicksee, have been hung upon the wall of the Reading Room. The expense of painting the former was defrayed from funds raised by public subscription, the latter being presented by the family of the late Mr. John Rüntz. The ceremony of unveiling

the portraits was performed by Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, on Saturday, March 17th, 1894, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience.

The prints presented by Mr. E. J. Sage have been framed and hung upon the walls of the Reading Room, to which they add considerable attraction and interest.

COMMISSIONERS. The Rev. Preb. Shelford, M.A., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Commissioners for the past year, and Mr. William Eve, Deputy Chairman.

The Commissioners regret to report the resignation in December last, of Mr. John C. Collins, who was one of the first Commissioners elected, and Chairman of the Books Committee since April, 1891. The Vestry unanimously elected Dr. Acheson G. Bartley, of 180, Albion Road, to fill the vacancy.

In March, 1894, the three retiring Commissioners, Messrs. A. Royle, J. J. Rüntz, and E. J. Sage, were unanimously re-elected by the Vestry.

DONATIONS. Donations of money amounting to £11 16s. have been received during the year, and the donations of books, &c., have been numerous and valuable. A list of the donors is appended, to all of whom the Commissioners desire to tender their grateful thanks.

FINANCE. The Commissioners regret that the amount at their disposal for the purchase of books, during the past year, has been so small, owing chiefly to the cost of producing the catalogue, and they have to report an adverse balance on March 25th of £85 11s. 11½d. The greatest economy will have to be practised during the coming year in order to clear off this deficit, and meanwhile the Commissioners will have a comparatively small sum for the purchase of books. They therefore strongly appeal to their fellow parishioners and other friends of the Library to assist them, by donations of money or books, so that the efficiency of the Institution may be maintained, and that the increased and increasing demand for fresh supplies of literature may be met. They will also gladly accept gifts of engravings. paintings, and objects of art.

The Librarian will be pleased to send for any gifts of books, &c., which may be notified to him, and they will be duly placed before the Commissioners, and acknowledged by them.

The Financial Statement, showing the receipts and expenditure of the Commissioners, is appended.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 3rd, 1894.

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish (Census 1891) - - - -	31,852
Area of Parish - - - - - - - -	638 acres
Rateable value, 1894 - - - - - -	£193,684
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £ (about) - - -	£772
Public Libraries Act adopted - -	February 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed - -	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened - -	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened - - -	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened -	July 23rd, 1892
Total number of volumes in stock - - - -	9,041
,, ,, ,, issued, 1893-4 - - -	78,192
Daily average issue - - - - - - - -	309
Average number of times which each Book has been issued - - - - - - - - -	8·6
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued, 1893-4 - -	2,700
,, ,, ,, cancelled, ,, -	160
,, ,, ,, now in force - - -	2,540
,, volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library) - - - - - - - - -	27
Percentage of Borrowers to population - - -	7·9
Daily average attendance in Reading Room - -	850

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage and Turnover of each class.

Classs Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.			Volumes Issued.			Percentage of each class.	Turnover of each class.
		Lending	Reference	Total	Lending	Reference	Total		
A	Philosophy and religion - - -	333	138	471	760	327	1,087	1·3	2·3
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	257	263	520	744	690	1,434	1·8	2·7
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	317	132	449	1,223	871	2,094	2·6	4·6
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	181	80	261	898	883	1,781	2·2	6·8
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	79	69	148	552	516	1,068	1·3	7·7
F	Literature & language (essays, poetry, &c.) - - - - - - -	717	562	1,279	2,097	1,223	3,320	4·2	2·5
G	History, biography, and travel - -	1,451	978	2,429	4,796	2,248	7,044	9	2·9
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c)	144	655	799	783	2,440	3,223	4·1	4
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes) -	331	—	331	7,336	—	7,336	9·3	22·1
K	Prose fiction - - - - - -	2,316	38	2,354	49,661	144	49,805	63·6	21·1
	TOTAL - - -	6,126	2,915	9,041	68,850	9,342	78,192		8·6

Daily average issue : Lending Library, 279 ; Reference Library, 30 ; Total, 309.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force March 25th, 1894:—Ratepayers, 696; Non-ratepayers, 1,844. Total, 2,540.

Accountants	21
Actress	1
Agents and collectors	26
Analyst	1
Apprentices	16
Architects	5
Armourer	1
Artificial flower maker	1
Artists	9
Assistants (miscellaneous)	56
Auctioneers	2
Bagmaker	1
Bakers and confectioners	9
Barman	1
Bookbinders	7
Booksellers	4
Bootmakers	6
Box cutters	3
Bricklayers	4
Brushmakers	3
Builders	10
Butchers	7
Buyers	2
Cabinet makers	9
Caretakers	3
Carmen	4
Carpenters and joiners	21
Cashiers	7
Caterer	1
Cemetery official	1
Cellarman	1
Cheesemongers	5
Chemists	4
China dealers	3
Civil servants	9
Clergymen & ministers	15
Clerks & book-keepers	321
Coach builders	3
Coachmen	3
Collar makers	2
Corn dealers	2
Dairymen	6
Decorators	8
Diamond mounters	2
Domestic servants	24
Drapers	6
Draughtsmen	3
Dressmakers	36
Dyers	3
Electricians	3
Embroidresses	4
Engine drivers	4
Engineers	21
Engravers	3
Florists	2
Furniture dealer	1
Fruiterers	4
Gardener	1
Gasfitters	5
Gas meter makers	2
Glass cutter	1
Glaziers	3
Goldbeater	1
Goldsmith	1
Grainers	6
Greengrocers	2
Grocers	15
Hairdressers	9
Harness makers	3
Hosiers	4
Housekeepers	15
Ironfounders	2
Ironmongers	5
Jewellers	3
Journalists	9
Laundresses	4
Lawn tennis stringer	1
Law students	4
Law writer	1
Letter cutter	1
Lift attendant	1
Lithographers	2
Machinists	7
Managers	12
Manufacturers	8
Marbler	1
Meat carrier	1
Merchants	15
Milliners	24
Music dealers	4
Musical instrument dealer	1
Musicians	5
Nurses	3
Office & errand boys	24
Oilmen	2
Omnibus driver	1
Optician	1
Packers	2
Painters	10
Paperhangers	2
Pawnbrokers	4
Photographers	2
Pianoforte makers	3
Pianoforte tuners	2
Plumbers	5
Post office employés	43
Police officers	15
Polish maker	1
Porters	6
Print seller	1
Printers & compositors	24
Printer's reader	1
Publican	1
Publishers	2
Rate collectors	2
Relieving officer	1
Salesmen	23
Scavenger	1
Scholars and students	139
Schoolmasters, mistresses, and teachers	114
Seaman	1
Secretaries	4
Shipbrokers	2
Shorthand writers	4
Signalmen	3
Sign writers	3
Silversmiths	3
Slaters	2
Solicitors	7
Stationers	8
Stewards	2
Stockbrokers	3
Stock jobbers	5
Stockkeepers	3
Stone masons	4
Surgeons	4
Surveyors	4
Tailors	14
Tea blender	1
Tea merchant	1
Tie fitter	1
Timber merchants	2
Time-keepers	2
Tobacconists	2
Travellers	34
Typefounder	1
Typists	3
Undergraduates	3
Valuers	2
Vocalist	1
Waiter and waitress	2
Wardrobe dealer	1
Warehousemen	35
Watch and clock makers	9
Watchmen	4
Wharfinger	1
Wheelwrights	4
Wood carvers	3
Not stated	995
Total	2,540

DONATIONS.

PAINTINGS.

Beck Memorial Committee. Portrait in oils of the late Mr. Joseph Beck.
Rüntz, Mr. J. J., and Family. Portrait in oils of the late Mr. John Rüntz.

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Bellamy, Mr. G. B. (Lordship Park)	1	1	0
Cone, Mr. H. K. (Church Street)	1	1	0
Durham, Miss (Albion Road)	0	5	0
Pither, Miss (Church Street)	1	1	0
Snowden, Mr. F. (Amhurst Park)	5	5	0
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street)	1	1	0
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park)	2	2	0

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS, &c.

		Vols. and Pamphlets.
Adams, Mrs. (Winston Road)		5
Agate, Mr. S. (Church Street)	Periodicals	
Agent-General for Victoria		2
Alcock, Mr. G. (Ayrsome Road)		5
Allen, Miss (Manor Road)	Periodicals	
Baldock, Mr. G. Y. (Hackney)		1
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E. (Church Street) ...	Periodicals and	42
Bartley, Dr. A. G. (Albion Road)		45
Beck, Mrs. J. (Albion Road)		13
Beck, Mr. W. (Glebe Place)		2
Biller, Miss (Church Street)	2 maps and	35
Board of Trade, Labour Department		2
Bramall, Mr. H. L. (Burma Road)	Periodical and	1
Brewers' National Exhibition, Directors of the		1
British Museum		35
,, ,, (Natural History)		12
Brocklebank, Mrs. (Albion Road)	Periodical	
Brown, Mr. J. D. (Clerkenwell)		1
Browne, Mr. T. B. (Queen Victoria Street)		1
Cambridge University		1
Cassell & Co., Messrs.	Bookmarks	
Christian Evidence Society		9
Church of England Book Society		23
Cruse, Mr. J. (Neville Road)		4
Dublin University		4
Edinburgh University		2
Emigrants' Information Office		1
Financial Reform Association		1
Great Eastern Railway Co.		1
Griffiths, Rev. A.		1
H.M. Stationery Office	Parliamentary Papers	
Hampton, Mr. W.		1
Hancock, Mr. T. G. (Lavers Road)		8
Harold, Mr. F. R. (Tottenham)		4
Hawke, Mr. J. (New Barnet)		1
Heath, Mr. F. (Lordship Park)		6
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road)	Periodicals and	2
Jepson's Mercantile Directory, Limited		1
Jobson, Mr. R. (Lordship Road)		1
Kelly, Miss (Albion Grove)		6

		Vols and Pamphlets.
King's College, London	...	1
London, Corporation of	...	1
London County Council	Minutes and	2
London, School Board for	Minutes and	5
Mackay, Mrs. (Lordship Road)	...	13
Manton, Mr. J. G. (Stamford Hill)	...	3
Mawer, Mr. W. (Palmer's Green)	Periodical	
Milton, Mr. J. H. (Clissold Road)	...	28
Peace, Mr. W.	...	1
Rawlings, Mr. E. (Wimbledon Common)	...	1
Royle, Mr. A. (Bethune Road)	Map and	1
Rüntz, Mrs. J. (Lordship Road)	...	40
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park)	Map and	23
Sell, Mr. H. (Fleet Street)	...	1
Sharp, Mr. J. (Paradise Row)	...	1
Shelford, Rev. Prebendary	Periodical and	7
Sleigh, Mr. H. (Bethune Road)	...	2
Smith, Mrs. J. (Stoke Newington Common)	...	2
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road)	...	1
Thompson, Mrs. P. (Battersea)	...	1
Tylor, Mr. C. (Brighton)	...	1
United Kingdom Alliance, per Dr. Burns	...	9
Watson, Mr. C. B. (Lordship Park)	Periodical	
Watson, Rev. E. W. (Highbury New Park)	...	155
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street)	Periodical and	2
Welch, Mr. C. (Guildhall Library)	...	1
West, Mr. W. J.	...	1
Willoughby, Dr. E. (Green Lanes)	...	2
Young & Sons, Messrs. (Mark Lane)...	...	10

Periodicals, as follow, have been presented by their respective Publishers :—

Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette, Alliance News, Bakers' Times, British Clayworker, Church Times, Civil Service Competitor (2 copies), Civilian, Colonist, Cyclist, Drapers' Record, Economist, Educational Times (2 copies), Electrical Review, Electrician, Electricity, Financial Reformer, Folkestone-up-to-Date, Fraternity, Free Russia, Fun, Funny Folks, Hackney and Kingsland Gazette, Insurance Agent, Insurance Spectator, Iron Steel and Coal Times, Keyboard, Labour Gazette, Land and Labour, Leisure Hour, Liberator, Local Government Journal, London Labour List, Mercury, Money and Trade, Musical News, Musical Times, Natural Food, News of the World, North-Eastern Leader, North London Guardian, Our Own Gazette, Paper Maker's Gazette, Phonetic Journal, Photogram, Plumber and Decorator, Protestant Observer, Railway Review, Rural World, Spinning Wheel. Stage, Stoke Newington Recorder (2 copies), Tailor and Cutter, Tottenham and Stamford Hill Times, Weekly Bulletin, Western World, Westminster Budget, Whitehall Review, Zoophilist. *Railway Time Books*—Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North-Western, London and South-Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, South Eastern.

Catalogues and Reports from the following Libraries :—

Aberdeen. Barking. Belfast. Birkenhead. Birmingham. Cambridge. Cheltenham. Ealing. Folkestone. Glasgow (Baillie's Institution). Gosport. Great Yarmouth. Hove. Kendal. Leamington. Liverpool. *London*—Chelsea, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Hammersmith, Holborn, Lewisham, Paddington, Poplar, St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Southwark (Christ Church), Westminster. Manchester. Middlesborough. Richmond. St. Helens. Salford. South Shields. Southampton. Swansea. Tynemouth. Watford. Wolverhampton.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at the commencement of the year		31 7 11
Amounts received from Rates, levied with, and as part of the Poor Rates		772 0 0
(MEM.—The amount levied during the year amounted to 1d. in the £)		
Donations		11 16 0
Fines and penalties	40 16 8	
Sale of readers' tickets	10 15 6	
Sale of catalogues	31 19 6	
Advertisements in catalogue and on forms ...	42 16 3	
Sale of waste paper	4 5 9	
Rent of land	8 0 0	
Miscellaneous	10 9 3	
		149 2 11
Balance due to bank	88 9 10	
Less, amount in hands of Librarian and late Librarian	2 17 10½	
		85 11 11½
		£1049 18 9½

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs, and maintenance ...		56 6 9
Books	39 0 0	
Periodicals	57 4 5	
		96 4 5
Salaries		246 19 5
Establishment charges, not before included:		
Stationery and printing	37 11 3	
Gas	70 4 3	
Coal and coke	13 2 9	
Water	12 16 8	
Rates, taxes, and insurance	55 18 8	
Bookbinding	58 7 2	
Periodical cases and numbering books	26 14 3	
Printing catalogue	110 7 6	
Framing prints	11 17 6	
Audit stamp, carriage of books, postages, and sundries	23 5 11½	
		420 5 11½
Miscellaneous Deposits returned, etc.		4 11 0
In respect of Loans:		
Principal repaid	92 1 2	
Interest	133 10 1	
		225 11 3
		£1049 18 9½

Audited by T. BARCLAY COCKERTON (District Auditor) May 17, 1894

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II.

Loan Account.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of Year.			Amounts paid this Year. Principal.			Amounts paid this Year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of Year.		
		£		Yrs.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site -	1,000	7 May, 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½ %	100 Half Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined of £21 5s. 0d.	992	8	9	7	16	8	33	13	2	984	12	1
2	Erection of Building	2,621	22 Oct. 1892	30	2,621	2 July, 1892.	3½ %	60 Half Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined of £70 18s. 2d.	2595	19	2	51	8	1	87	15	6	2544	11	1
3	Furnishing - - -	379	do.	10	379	do.	3½ %	20 Half Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined of £22 1s. 6d.	363	0	2	32	16	5	12	1	5	330	3	9
	TOTALS - -	4,000			4,000				3,951	8	1	92	1	2	133	10	1	3859	6	11

Examined and found correct, by

T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, (District Auditor) May 17, 1894.

Stoke Newington

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

LONDON, N.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS.

1894-5.

London:
Printed by Jas. Truscott & Son, Suffolk Lane, E.C.

1895.

COMMISSIONERS, 1894-5.

REV. PREB. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman.*

MR. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*

DR. ACHESON G. BARTLEY, 180, Albion Road.

MR. ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.

„ ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.

„ JOHN J. RÜNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road.

„ EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.

„ MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.

„ JAMES T. SMITH, 13, Burma Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books.

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD (*Chairman*).
Dr. BARTLEY.
Mr. JOBSON.
„ ROYLE.
„ SAGE.

Finance.

Mr. SHAW (*Chairman*).
„ RÜNTZ.
„ SAGE.
Rev. Preb. SHELFORD.
Mr. SMITH.

House.

Mr. EVE (*Chairman*).
Dr. BARTLEY.
Mr. RÜNTZ.
Rev. Preb. SHELFORD.
Mr. SMITH.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:

WILLIAM G. CHAMBERS. | H. TAPLEY SOPER.
CHARLES TANT.

Porter:

GEORGE S. TANTAM.

Bankers:

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (LIMITED),
High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1895.

The Commissioners, in submitting their Fifth Annual Report, have to record a very material progress in the work of the Library. The great increase mentioned in their last Report has been more than maintained, and the large issues of books, and attendances in the Reading Rooms, show that the institution is in a thoroughly efficient condition, and that the inhabitants of the Parish are fully aware, and avail themselves of its advantages.

There are now 9,584 volumes in the Library, the nett increase during the year being 543. Of these, 6,408 are placed in the Lending Library, and 3,176 in the Reference Library, and it is satisfactory to find that the fiction provided only amounts to 24·6, or, including all Juvenile books, to 28·2 of the total stock.

The issues during the year reached the large total of 102,628 volumes, representing a daily average of 388, and an increase on the previous year of 24,436 volumes. Of this total 90,241 were issued from the Lending Library, and 12,387 from the Reference Library. Several volumes of Directories and other handbooks are placed upon the open shelves in the Reading Room, of the issues of which no record is kept.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to and renewed by 3,106 persons; 96 of these have been cancelled, leaving a total number of borrowers on March 25th of 3,010. These are classified as follows: Ratepayers 831, other parishioners not ratepayers 2,179; males 1,521, females 1,489.

It is most satisfactory, and shows the accuracy of the system employed, to find that notwithstanding the large issue every book was accounted for at the annual stocktaking.

The percentage of fiction to the total issues was this year 60·7, compared with 63·6 for the previous year. The percentage of the other classes is shown in the table on page 7, the increase being very evenly divided.

For the purpose of showing some details of a typical day's work, the issues of March 23rd (the last Saturday included in this Report) were analysed, and the result is most interesting. The number of volumes issued on that day reached a total of 686, and were classified as follows: Philosophy and Theology 15, Sociology 18, Science 20, Useful Arts 20, Fine Arts 10,

Essays, Poetry, and the Drama 24, History, Biography, and Travel 73, General Cyclopædias and Magazines 32, Juvenile Literature 67, Prose Fiction 407. The highest issue on any one day was 734 volumes.

A list of the books added to the Lending Library was published in January last, and the edition of 1,000 copies was sold within a very short period.

The popularity of the Reading Rooms still continues to increase, and though spacious they are frequently crowded. Occasional counts have been taken, when the attendances were about 1,030.

In April, 1894, the Commissioners decided to open the Reading Rooms upon Bank Holidays, and they are pleased to report that the attendance upon these days, though not so large as upon other days, has fully justified the change and the additional expenditure incurred.

Further improvements have been made in the gas lighting, the ordinary star pendants having been replaced by "Vertmarche" lamps, which, while increasing the light, have considerably reduced the consumption of gas.

The prints and other pictures on the walls of the Reading Rooms have proved of great interest to visitors, and judging from the numerous enquiries respecting them have stimulated a considerable interest in the early history of the locality. The Commissioners are indebted to Mr. G. B. Bellamy, the Churchwardens (Messrs. Rüntz and Eve), and Mr. G. Webb for further additions to the collection.

The Commissioners again desire to tender their grateful thanks to the numerous donors whose names are appended. The donations of money amounted to £3 3s., and the large number and value of the books received is very gratifying, and is a practical illustration of the warm interest which is taken in the work of the Library by so many of the inhabitants of the Parish. Among the more valuable donations may be mentioned the 16 volumes relating to the City of London, presented by the Library Committee of the Corporation, per Mr. J. J. Baddeley; and 52 volumes of the Reports of the Historical MSS. Commission by the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

People frequently purchase books, and after reading them place them aside, having no further use for them. Many of these would be most suitable for the Library, and the Commissioners believe that if it were more generally known that such books are always acceptable, even more would be presented. Attention is directed to a list appended, of Societies' and other publications of which odd volumes are required to complete the sets. Persons possessing any of the volumes

mentioned, will confer a great benefit upon the Library by presenting them.

Books for boys and girls are also urgently needed.

In March, 1894, the three retiring Commissioners, Messrs. Royle, Rüntz, and Sage, were unanimously re-elected by the Vestry. The Rev. Preb. Shelford was again elected Chairman of the Commissioners, and Mr. William Eve, Deputy Chairman. The Commissioners retire by rotation as follows:—

In March, 1895.—Messrs. Eve, Jobson, and Shaw.
,, 1896.—Messrs. Bartley, Shelford, and Smith.
,, 1897.—Messrs. Royle, Rüntz, and Sage.

At the commencement of the present year the Commissioners had an adverse balance of £85 11s. 11d., but by practising the strictest economy this has been cleared off, and they are able to close this year's accounts with a small balance in hand. In order to accomplish this they have been compelled to restrict the expenditure on books, but they anticipate being able to purchase more during the coming year.

There is now a great demand for additions of books in all classes, and the Commissioners, while hoping to satisfy some of the more pressing needs, still find it out of their power to add many expensive works on art, science, and technology, which are so much needed, unless they are again assisted by generous donors. There is every reason to believe that a larger supply of these books would be followed by a corresponding increase in the issues. The small amount produced by the rate has been utilised to its utmost extent, and it is confidently asserted that the ratepayers receive the fullest possible return for their outlay.

A statement showing the details of Receipts and Expenditure and Loans is appended.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 2nd, 1894.

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish, 1895 (estimated)	32,908
Area of Parish	638 acres
Rateable value	£198,599
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £	(about) £782
Public Libraries Act adopted	February, 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened...	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ...	July 23rd, 1892

	1893-4	1894-5
Total number of Volumes in stock	9,041	9,584
,, ,, ,, issued	78,192	102,628
Daily average issue	309	388
Average number of times which each Book has been issued	8·6	10·7
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	2,700	3,106
,, ,, ,, cancelled	160	96
,, ,, ,, now in force ...	2,540	3,010
(*Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually.*)		
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	27	30
Percentage of Borrowers to population... ...	7·9	9·1
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms ...	(about) 850	1,030

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.				Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of Stock	Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of issues	Turnover
A	Philosophy and religion	389	155	544	5·6	1,261	638	1,899	1·8	3·4
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	313	304	617	6·4	1,054	976	2,030	1·9	3·2
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.) ...	334	158	492	5·1	1,521	1,013	2,534	2·4	5·2
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	191	98	289	3·0	1,237	1,173	2,410	2·3	8·3
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.) ...	101	76	177	1·8	701	746	1,447	1·4	8·0
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, &c.)	720	575	1,295	13·5	3,377	1,617	4,994	4·8	3·8
G	History, biography, and travel	1,501	1,110	2,611	27·2	7,195	3,178	10,373	10·1	3·9
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	179	664	843	8·8	1,262	2,822	4,084	3·9	4·8
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes) ...	349	—	349	3·6	10,511	—	10,511	10·2	30·4
K	Prose fiction	2,331	36	2,367	24·6	62,122	224	62,346	60·7	26·3
	TOTAL	6,408	3,176	9,584	—	90,241	12,387	102,628	—	10·7

Daily average issue: Lending Library, 348; Reference Library, 40; Total, 388.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force March 25th, 1895:—3,010.
Held by Ratepayers, 831; Other residents, not Ratepayers, 2,179.
Held by Males, 1,521; Females, 1,489.

Accountants	24
Actress	1
Agents and collectors	48
Apprentices	15
Architects	6
Armourer	1
Artists	12
Assistants, miscellaneous	39
Auctioneer	1
Bakers and confectioners	12
Banker	1
Barmaid	1
Bicycle makers	2
Blind maker	1
Bookbinders	9
Booksellers	3
Bootmakers	10
Box maker	1
Brass founders and fitters	4
Brokers	5
Brushmakers	6
Builders and contractors	14
Butchers	5
Butler	1
Buyers	3
Cabinet makers	7
Caretakers	3
Carmen	3
Carpenters and joiners	27
Carrier	1
Cashiers	7
Cellarman	1
Cemetery official	1
Chemists	6
Civil servants	35
Clergymen and ministers	13
Clerks & book-keepers	427
Clothiers	3
Coachmen	6
Coachbuilder	1
Collar makers	2
Corn dealers	4
County court officer	1
Dairymen	6
Dealers	6
Diamond mounters	2
Domestic servants	36
Drapers	14
Draughtsmen	21
Dress & mantle makers	45
Dyers	3
Electricians	6
Embroidresses	4
Engineers	34
Engravers	6
Fishmonger	1
Florists	6
Frame makers	3
Fruiterers	2
Furriers	3
Gardeners	4
Gasfitters	3
Glaziers	2
Gold and silversmiths	4
Grainers	4
Grocers	14
Hairdressers	10
Hosiers	4
Ironmongers	3
Ironworkers	2
Jewellers	7
Jewel case liner	1
Journalists	7
Labourers	3
Lamplighter	1
Letter cutter	1
Licensed victuallers	6
Lift attendant	1
Lithographers	3
London County Council officials	6
Machinists	7
Managers	21
Manufacturers	17
Masons	4
Merchants	27
Messengers	7
Miller	1
Musical instrument makers	8
Musicians	10
Modeller	1
Nurses	5
Office and errand boys	31
Oilmen	4
Optician	1
Packers	5
Painters	6
Pawnbroker	1
Photographers	2
Pianoforte tuners	2
Plumbers	9
Polish maker	1
Post office employés	81
Police officers	17
Print seller	1
Printers and compositors	29
Publisher	1
Rate collector	1
Relieving officer	1
Road inspector	1
Salesmen	18
Sailor	1
Sanitary inspectors	2
Scholars and students	152
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters, mistresses and teachers	124
Sculptors	2
Secretaries	4
Shirt makers	2
Shop fitter	1
Signalmen	3
Sign writer	1
Solicitors	5
Spanish Government officials	3
Stationers	13
Stenographers	2
Stewardess	1
Stockbrokers	2
Stock jobbers	3
Stokers	2
Surgeons	9
Surveyors	8
Tailors and tailoresses	19
Tea taster	1
Telephone operator	1
Tennis stringer	1
Tie finisher	1
Time-keepers	2
Tobacconists	2
Travellers	45
Trimming seller	1
Type founder	1
Typists	5
Umbrella makers	3
Undergraduate	1
Underwriters	3
Upholsterers	5
Vellum binders	4
Waiter	1
Warehousemen	40
Watch and clock makers	7
Wheelwrights	5
Whitesmith	1
Wine merchants	3
Wood carvers	2
Not stated	1,138
	3,010

DONATIONS.

PICTURES, &c.

Bellamy, Mr. G. B. (Lordship Park). Painting in oils of the Old Parish Church of St. Mary, Stoke Newington.

Churchwardens of St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Copy of the "General Evening Post (London)" of March 28 to 30, 1782.

Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street). Two photogravures (proofs).

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Bellamy, Mr. G. B. (Lordship Park)	1	1	0
Cowles, Mr. C. H. (Park Lane)	1	1	0
Nicholson, Mr. J. C. (Lordship Road)...	1	1	0

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Adams, Mrs. (Winston Road)...	4
Baddeley, Mr. J. J. (Woodberry Down)	2
Bale & Sons, Messrs.	1
Barnett, Mr. H. (Lordship Park)	19
Bartley, Dr. (Albion Road) ...	4
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. (Church Street)	1
Bell, Mr. Mackenzie...	1
Bickerton, Mr. W. F. (Dunsmure Road)	7
Biller, Miss	1
Birmingham Free Libraries Committee	1
Board of Trade (Labour Department)	4
Booth, Mr. Charles (Strand) ...	2
Bramall, Mr. H. L. (Burma Road)	4
Britannia Co. (Colchester) ...	2
Brooks, Mr. E. (Old Ford) ...	3
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Ltd. ...	1
Browning Society, per Dr. Furnivall	9
Cambrian Railway Co	1
Canada, High Commissioner for	1
Cape Colony, Agent-General for	2
Carnegie, Mr. A.	1
Cassell & Co., Messrs.	1
Caudwell, Rev. F., St. Matthias' Vicarage...	1
Chapman, Mr. F. (Church Street)	19
Church of England Book Society	49
Civil Engineers, Institution of	1
Clarke, Dr. (Upper Clapton)...	1
Cope Bros., Messrs.	7
Coulton, Mr. J. J. (Swaffham)	3
Derby, Mary, Countess of ...	2
Dublin University	2
Dunlop, Rev. J. (Lordship Road)	1
Edinburgh University	1
Edwards, Miss M. B. (Hastings)	1
Emigrants' Information Office	1
Errington, Mr. T. (Moorfields)	5
Gray, Miss Annabel (Pimlico)	1
Great Eastern Railway Co. ...	1
H.M. Stationery Office	52
Hampton, Mr. W.	1
Harold, Mr. F. R. (South Tottenham)	1
Hay, Mr. W., Executors of (Aberdeen)	2
Howard, Mr. E. (Hermitage Road)	4
Isle of Man Steam Packet Co.	2
Jobson, Mr. W. (Lordship Road)	3
Kelly, Miss (Albion Grove) ...	9
King's College (London)... ...	1
Levy, Mr. M. (Mitre Court) ...	5
London County Council	6
London, Library Committee of the Corporation of	16
Lowry, Rev. S. C. (Dorking)...	1
Natal, Agent-General for ...	2
New South Wales, Agent-General for	1
New Zealand, Agent-General for	1

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS—*continued.*

North British Railway Co. ... 1
Palæontographical Society ... 15
Preece, Mr. G. 1
Rationalist Press Committee ... 3
Robson, Mr. W.... 1
Royal Geographical Society 24 pts
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park) 19
School Board for London ... 4
Sexey, Mrs. (Clapton Common) 13
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. 50
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road) 15
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Burma Road) 8
South London Entomological Society 1
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road) 1
Tasmania, Agent-General for... 2
Taylor, Mr. G. (Manor Road)... 8
Trinity College (London) ... 1
Tylor, Mr. C. (Brighton) ... 1
University Correspondence College 6
Victoria, Agent-General for ... 2
Victoria University (Manchester) 2
Voysey, Rev. C. (Hampstead)... 2
Webster, Mrs. C. A. (Angell Road, S.W.) 3
Witte, Mr. E. A. (Hermitage Road) 2

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Agate, Mr. E. (Church Street). Answers.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. (Church Street). Geographical Journal, Library, Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Bond of Brotherhood (2 copies).
Board of Trade (Labour Department). Labour Gazette.
Britannia Company (Colchester). Tool and Machinery Register.
British Institute of Public Health (20, Hanover Square). Journal of State Medicine.
Chambers, Mr. W. G. (Dumont Road). St. Mary Stoke Newington Parochial Magazine.
Dumville, Mr. B. (Aden Grove). Wesleyan Methodist Church Record.
Eve, Mrs. (Albion Road). Friendly Leaves, Girls' Friendly Society Associates' Journal.
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Era, Field, Land and Water, Stockkeeper.
London County Council. Minutes.
School Board for London. Minutes.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. (The Rectory). British Weekly, Diocesan Magazine, Guardian.
Sparks, Mr. H. W. (Church Street). Our Dogs.
Watson, Mr. C. B. (Lordship Park). Sketch.
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street). Baily's Magazine.

Newspapers and Magazines, as follow, have been presented by their respective Publishers:—

Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette, Alliance News, Animals' Friend, Anti-Tobacco Journal (2 copies), Architect, Bakers' Times, British Clayworker, Building News, Chamber of Commerce Journal, Church Family Newspaper, Civil Service Competitor (2 copies), Civilian, Concord, Cyclist, Daily Chronicle (2 copies), Drapers' Record, Educational Times (2 copies), Electrical Review, Electrician, Epicure, Financial News, Financial Reformer, Folkstone-up-to-date, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Fun, Hackney and Kingsland Gazette, Hackney Standard, Illustrated Journal of Patents, Insurance Agent and Review, Inventors' Review, Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, Keyboard, Land and Labour, Leisure Hour, Liberator, Local Government Journal, London Labour List, Mercury, Minstrel, Money, Musical Times, Natural Food, Naturalists' Journal, New-Church Magazine,

News of the World, North Eastern Leader, North London Fiction Press, North London Guardian, North London News, Our Own Gazette, Paper Makers' Circular, Phonetic Journal, Photogram, Plumber and Decorator, Protestant Observer, Railway Review, Rural World, St. Matthias (Stoke Newington) Parish Magazine, Saltmarsh's Local Notes, Spinning Wheel, State Correspondent, Stoke Newington Recorder (2 copies), Tailor and Cutter, Technical Education Gazette, To-day, Tottenham and Stamford Hill Times, Tottenham and Wood Green Star, Vegetarian, Weekly Bulletin, Western World, Wheeler, Whitehall Review, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Books—Cambrian, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

Catalogues or Reports from the following Libraries :—

Aberdeen, Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Brentford, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chester, Chiswick, Croydon, Ealing, Edinburgh, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hove, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leicester, Leyton, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, St. Helen's, Salford, Sheffield, South Shields, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Watford, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Willesden (Kilburn). London—Battersea, Chelsea, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Holborn, Lewisham, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. Giles (Bloomsbury), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Westminster, Whitechapel.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below in order to complete their sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831–50, 1852–58.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly Journal. v. 1—39.
Illustrated London News. v. 99—102, 1891–93.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth Century. Parts 1—16, 1877, 78 ; 35—37, 39, 40, 1880 ; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Publications. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1856–78.
Punch, 1890.
Quarterly Review. v. 1—26, 34, 40, 60, 78, 80, 89, 100, 108—169.
Review of Reviews. v. 2.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Rates (1d. in the £)					772	0	0
Donations					3	3	0
Fines and penalties		62	11	10			
Sale of readers' tickets		12	18	10			
Sale of general catalogues ...	£15 1 0						
Sale of supplementary catalogues	4 0 0						
		19	1	0			
Advertisements in catalogue and on forms		9	12	6			
Rent of land		6	0	0			
Deposits		2	0	0			
Sale of waste paper		7	14	11			
Books lost		2	4	3			
Post-cards for retention of books, and miscellaneous		8	14	4			
					130	17	8
					£906	0	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance against at commencement of the year (including £1 on account of deposits on forms)				85	11	11½
Building, repairs and furniture	41	4	11½			
Gas	52	3	3			
Coal and coke	13	5	0			
Water	6	13	0			
Rates, taxes, and insurance	49	10	6			
Cleaning materials, &c.	3	9	10½			
				166	6	7
Books	23	9	3			
Binding and magazine cases ...	50	15	0			
Newspapers and magazines	51	10	0			
Printing supplementary catalogue ...	5	0	0			
				130	14	3
Salaries and wages				234	9	4
Other establishment expenses :						
Stationery and printing	26	13	4			
Audit stamp, postages, &c.	12	19	6			
				39	12	10
Deposits returned	2	0	0			
Subscription to Library Association	1	1	0			
Sundries	2	2	3½			
				5	3	3½
Loans : Principal and Interest				225	2	0
Balances—In the Bank (including deposits £1)	15	2	7			
In hands of Librarian	3	17	10			
				19	0	5
				£906	0	8

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 27th day of March*, 1895.

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1895, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is eight hundred and one pounds, eight shillings and threepence

Stoke Newington

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

LONDON. N.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS.

1895-6.

London:

Printed by Jas. Truscott & Son, Suffolk Lane, E.C

1896.

COMMISSIONERS, 1895-6.

Rev. PREB. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman.*
Mr. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*
" ACHESON G. BARTLEY, M.A., M.D., 180, Albion Road.
" ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.
" ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.
" JOHN J. RÜNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road.
" EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.
" MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.
" JAMES T. SMITH, 13, Burma Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books.

Rev. Preb. Shelford (*Chairman*).
Dr. Bartley.
Mr. Jobson.
" Royle.
" Sage.

Finance.

Mr. Shaw (*Chairman*)
" Jobson.
" Rüntz.
" Smith.

House.

Mr. Eve (*Chairman*).
" Royle.
" Rüntz.
" Smith.

Librarian and Clerk:
GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:
WILLIAM G. CHAMBERS. | H. TAPLEY SOPER.
CHARLES J. TANT.

Porter:
CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Bankers:
THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited), High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1896.

It is the gratifying task of the Commissioners to record, in this their Sixth Annual Report, another year of progress in the work of the Library. The interest in all departments of the institution is steadily increasing, and everything is working with smoothness and regularity.

The total stock of books in the Library now numbers 10,753 volumes, of which 7,282 are in the Lending Library, and 3,471 in the Reference Library. The nett additions during the year by purchase and gift numbered 1,169 volumes, of which 201 were Fiction. The total Fiction in the Library now amounts to 2,568 volumes, or 23·8 per cent. of the total stock.

In selecting the books for purchase the Commissioners have endeavoured to consider the wants of all classes of readers, to the extent of their resources, but it is obvious, that, with the limited amount available for this purpose, and the wide range of literature to be covered, considerable additions are needed in many sections to bring them up to date. These the Commissioners hope to make from time to time as their means will allow.

The total issues of books during the year were 102,124 volumes, representing a daily average of 392. Of these, 92,241 were issued from the Lending Library, an increase over the circulation during the previous year of 2,000; and 9,883 in the Reference Library, being a decrease of 2,507. This decrease in the issues is accounted for by the fact that early in the year a considerable number of books of Reference were placed on the unenclosed shelves in the Reading Room, to which readers are allowed access without making application to the staff. It is estimated that these books are used by fully 100 persons daily.

The class of books in demand shows a tendency to rise, the standard works being continually in circulation. The percentage of Fiction again shows a slight decrease, it being this year 60·5 as against 60·7 last year.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to 3,208 persons, of which 128 have been cancelled, leaving the total number in

force on March 25th, at 3,080. These are classified as follows:—Ratepayers 824, other residents, employees, &c., 2,256; males 1,530, females 1,550. A list of the occupations of these borrowers is appended, which shows that every class of the community is represented, the majority of those returned as "not stated" being the wives and daughters of ratepayers.

At the Annual stock-taking one volume alone was unaccounted for, and as this is the only one during the past three years, out of a total circulation of 283,000 volumes, it shows the careful system used and the satisfactory manner in which the work is carried out by the staff. Twelve volumes have been lost or considerably damaged by borrowers, and paid for by them during the year, and 2 volumes have been taken away by borrowers who have removed from the district, and whom the Librarian is unable to trace.

Many of the original books are now becoming worn out, and during the coming year a considerable outlay will be necessary to replace these, and this will necessarily reduce the amount which would otherwise be available for the purchase of new books.

The appreciation of the Reading Rooms continues to increase, and this department is taxed to its utmost extent. During the past winter they have been crowded continually, the attendance being greater than at any previous time since the opening of the Library.

Notwithstanding this large attendance the conduct of the readers has been excellent, and almost perfect order has been maintained.

In January last a supplementary catalogue of the Lending Library was issued, containing all the books added to that department since the issue of the original catalogue in 1893.

A glazed book-case, capable of holding 200 volumes, has been fixed on the Lending Library counter, and in this the new additions to the Library other than Fiction are placed, so that they may come prominently under the notice of borrowers. This has been greatly appreciated, and has no doubt assisted in the circulation of many books of a superior class, which otherwise might have escaped notice.

In response to numerous applications from persons residing in the adjoining parishes of Hackney, Islington, and South Hornsey, for permission to borrow books from the Lending Library, the Commissioners, after carefully considering the question, decided to allow such persons the use of this department upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum. The Commissioners consider that in granting this privilege they are acting in the interests of the ratepayers, as the additional

income will be available for the purchase of new books, and at the same time they are benefiting persons who are willing to contribute to the maintenance of the institution.

The Commissioners are pleased to report the receipt of many large and valuable donations of books, &c., and beg to tender their grateful thanks to the various donors.

Among the important gifts received, some call for special mention. The Rev. Prebendary Shelford presented busts of Bacon, Milton, and Shakespeare, and a curious broadside relating to Stoke Newington, dated 1795, in addition to 150 volumes of standard works. Mrs. Howell, of Park Crescent, presented a large number of valuable books, and further additions have been made to the works relating to Stoke Newington, by Messrs. F. Heath, E. J. Sage, and J. R. Spratling. The other donations, a list of which is appended, are most useful and welcome additions to the Library.

In March, 1895, the three retiring Commissioners, Messrs. W. Eve, R. Jobson, and M. Shaw, were re-elected by the Vestry.

In March, 1896, the Rev. Prebendary Shelford and Mr. J. T. Smith were re-elected, and Mr. F. E. Manley was elected in place of Dr. Bartley, who has removed from the district. The Commissioners retire by rotation as follows:—

In March, 1897—Messrs. Royle, Rüntz, and Sage.
,, 1898— ,, Eve, Jobson, and Shaw.
,, 1899— ,, Manley, Shelford, and Smith.

At the commencement of the year the Commissioners had a balance in hand of £19 0s. 5d., and are carrying forward to the next year a balance of £51 11s. 1d. Against this, however, there are outstanding liabilities amounting to about £62, as compared with £20 on March 25th, 1895.

A detailed statement of receipts and expenditure is appended, by which it will be seen that £95 8s. 10½d. has been expended on books, and it is even more satisfactory to record that the Commissioners hope to have a still larger sum available for the purchase of new books during the coming year, after due provision has been made for new shelving, indicator, and replacement of worn-out volumes.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 7th, 1896.

[The issue of this Report has been delayed in consequence of the District Auditor's certificate not having been given until July 27th].

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish, 1896 (estimated)	34,600
Area of Parish	639 acres
Rateable value (March, 1896)	£202,767
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £ (1895-6)	£804 5s.
Public Libraries Act adopted	February, 5th 1890
First Commissioners appointed ...	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ...	July 23rd, 1892

	1894-5	1895-6
Total number of Volumes in stock	9,584	10,753
,, ,, ,, added during year...	543	1,169
,, ,, ,, issued	102,628	102,124
Daily average issue	388	392
Average number of times which each Book has been issued	10·7	9·5
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	3,106	3,208
,, ,, ,, cancelled ...	96	128
,, ,, ,, now in force ...	3,010	3,080
(*Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually*)		
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)...	30	30
Percentage of Borrowers to population ...	9·1	9·
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms ... (about)	1,030	1,050

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of Stock	Volumes added during the year	Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of issues	Turnover
A	Philosophy and religion	444	191	635	5·9	91	1,259	505	1,764	1·7	2·8
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	336	370	706	6·5	89	972	711	1,683	1·6	2·4
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	371	187	558	5·2	66	1,522	867	2,389	2·3	4·3
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	228	105	333	3·1	44	1,281	869	2,150	2·1	6·4
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	133	83	216	2·	39	926	597	1,523	1·5	7·
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, &c.)	796	595	1,391	12·9	96	3,673	1,402	5,075	5·	3·6
G	History, biography, and travel...	1,718	1,188	2,906	27·	295	8,257	2,529	10,786	10·5	3·7
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	301	712	1,013	9·4	170	1,937	2,203	4,140	4·	4·
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes)	427	—	427	4·	78	10,727	—	10,727	10·5	25·
K	Prose fiction	2,528	40	2,568	23·8	201	61,687	200	61,887	60·5	24·1
	TOTAL	7,282	3,471	10,753	—	1,169	92,241	9,883	102,124	—	9·5

Daily average issue Lending Library, 360; Reference Library, 32; Total, 392.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force March 25th, 1896:—3,080.
Held by Ratepayers, 824; Other residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 2,256.
Held by Males, 1,530; Females, 1,550.

Accountants	32
Actor and actress	2
Actuary	1
Agents and collectors	45
Apprentices	7
Architects	7
Art dealer	1
Artists	12
Assistants, miscellaneous	51
Bailiff	1
Bakers and confectioners	10
Banker	1
Barmaid and barman	2
Blacksmiths	6
Bookbinder	1
Booksellers	5
Bootmakers	2
Bottler	1
Brass founders and fitters	4
Bricklayers	2
Brushmakers	3
Builders and contractors	20
Butchers	10
Butler	1
Buyers	4
Cabinet makers	9
Caretakers	2
Carmen	4
Carpenters and joiners	19
Carriage liner	1
Cashiers	6
Cellarman	1
Cemetery official	1
Chemists	10
Civil servants	32
Clergymen and ministers	15
Clerks & book-keepers	482
Coachmen	3
Coachbuilders	2
Collar makers	2
Corn dealers	3
County court officeial	1
Dairymen	6
Dealers	6
Designers	2
Diamond mounter	1
Die sinker	1
Domestic servants	43
Drapers and clothiers	18
Draughtsmen	14
Dress & mantle makers	49
Dyers	5
Electricians	5
Embosser	1
Embroidress	1
Engineers	28
Engravers	7
Farmers	2
Fishmongers	2
Florists	2
Furniture dealers	4
Furniture designer	1
Fur sewer	1
Furriers	4
Gardeners	2
Gas inspector	1
Gasfitters	2
Gas meter makers	2
Glaziers	2
Gold and silversmiths	8
Grocers	12
Hairdressers	9
Harness maker	1
Horsekeepers	2
Importer	1
Instrument makers	3
Ironmongers	2
Ivory worker	1
Jewellers	4
Jobmaster	1
Journalists	9
Labourers	4
Leather worker	1
Licensed victuallers	3
Lift attendant	1
Linguist	1
Lithographers	2
Locksmith	1
London County Council officials	2
Machinists	4
Managers	16
Manufacturers	7
Masons	2
Merchants	22
Messengers	4
Miller	1
Milliners	9
Modeller	1
Musicians	12
Nurses	2
Office and errand boys	5
Oilmen	3
Omnibus conductor	1
,, driver	1
Organ builders	3
Packers	5
Painters	7
Paper merchant	1
Pawnbroker	1
Photographers	4
Pianoforte action makers	3
Pianoforte key maker	1
Pianoforte tuner	1
Plumbers	9
Police officers	12
Post office employees	68
Print seller	1
Printers and compositors	25
Printers' readers	2
Publishers	2
Railway employees	3
Registrar	1
Relieving officer	1
Sailors	4
Salesmen	10
Sampler	1
Sanitary inspector	1
Scholars and students	192
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters, mistresses, and teachers	147
Secretaries	6
Shipbroker	1
Shipowner	1
Shirt and collar dressers	4
Shirt maker	1
Shop fitters	2
Sign writer	1
Soldiers	2
Solicitors	4
Spanish Government officials	4
Stationers	14
Stenographers	3
Stockbrokers	2
Stock jobbers	3
Stokers	2
Sugar manufacturer	1
Surgeons	9
Surveyors	4
Tailors and tailoresses	18
Tea merchants	4
Tea taster	1
Telephone operator	1
Tennis stringer	1
Tie makers	2
Timber merchant	1
Time list maker	1
Time-keeper	1
Tobacco merchant	1
Tobacconists	2
Travellers	53
Trimming seller	1
Trunk maker	1
Type founder	1
Typists	4
Umbrella makers	2
Undergraduates	5
Upholsterers	4
Valuer	1
Vellum binders	2
Waiters	2
Warehousemen	50
Watch and clock makers	9
Wheelwrights	2
Whitesmith	1
Wine merchants	2
Not stated	1,143
	3,080

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawksley Road) 2
Anonymously 9
Ashwell, Mr. T. F. (Church Street) 1
Atkinson, Miss (Clissold Road) 1
Bartley, Mr. A. G., M.A., M.D. (Commissioner) 9
Bates, Mr. W. S. (Barnet) ... 1
Baxter. Mr. F. W. (Church Street) 1
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. (Church Street) 23
Bishop, Mr. A. (Grazebrook Road) 15
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 8
British Museum (Natural History) 2
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Ltd. ... 1
Cadbury, Mr. R. (Birmingham) 1
Cassell & Co., Messrs. 1
Chambers, Mr. W. G. (Dumont Road) 6
Champness & Co., Messrs. ... 1
Church of England Book Society 30
Colburn, Mr. C. (Glasgow) ... 1
Coopman, Mr. M. (Lordship Road) 17
Cope Bros., Messrs. (Liverpool) 2
Dent, Miss (Northampton) ... 1
Dublin University 2
Edinburgh University 1
Edwards, Miss M. B. (Hastings) 1
Everitt, Mr. T. C. (Evering Road) 74
Forsaith, Miss E. (Lordship Terrace) 6
Gibson, Miss L. (Brighton) ... 3
"Gleaner" 1
Graves, Mr. G. C. (Green Lanes) 2
Gray, Mr. W. B. (Lombard Court) 1
H.M. Stationery Office 5
Hagg, Mr. I. T. (Dynevor Road) 39
Hall, Mrs. (St. Kilda's Road)... 11
Hampton, Mr. W. 1
Heath, Mr. F. (Lordship Park) 1
Howell, Mrs. (Park Crescent) ...81
Institute of Jamaica 1
Institution of Mining Engineers 1
King's College (London)... ... 1
Lane, Mrs. (Albion Road) ... 1
London, Corporation of 1
London County Council 9
London Directory Co. 1
Natal, Agent-General for ... 1
Newton, Mr. T. W. (Highbury) 1
Northern Heights Footpaths Association 1
Paton, Mr. J. (Glasgow)... ... 2
Platt, Messrs. J., & Co. (St. Martin's Lane) 1
Richardson, Mr. H. C. (Park Lane) 18
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Commissioner) 26
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Vestry 1
School Board for London ... 8
Sheffield, Mr. F. (Bouverie Road) 5
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. (Commissioner) 150
Shelford, Rev. L. M. 12
Shore, Mr. T. (Green Lanes) ... 4
Shrimpton, Rev. H., A.K.C. (Springdale Road) 45
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road) 5
Smetham, Mrs. (Lordship Park) 7
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Commissioner) 1
South London Entomological Society 1
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road) 1
Stock, Mr. E. (Paternoster Row) 1
Stoke Newington Vestry... ... 6
Taylor, Mr. G. (Manor Road)... 45
Taylor, Mr. H. (Church Street) 1
Thompson, Messrs. W. P. (High Holborn) 1
Trinity College (London) ... 1
Victoria University (Manchester) 1
Voysey, Rev. C. (Finchley Road) 1
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street).. 4
Webb, Mr. H. (Church Street) 3
Weale, Mr. J. P. M. (Regent's Park Road) 1
Warne, Mr. C. H. (Brighton)... 1
Ward, Mrs. W. (Amhurst Park) 10
Woodin, Mr. E.... 1

BUSTS, MAPS, &c.

Bailey, Rev. M. B., B.A. (Brownswood Park). Wall map of South Africa.
Hagg, Mr. I. T. (Dynevor Road). Four wall maps.
Lyric Publishing Co. 70 pieces of music.
Northern Heights Footpaths Association. Map of Footpaths.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. Busts of Bacon, Milton, and Shakespeare. Stoke Newington broadside, dated 1795.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Agate, Mr. E. (Church Street). Answers.
Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawkesley Road). Daylight.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. (Church Street). Geographical Journal, Library, Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, and Sussex Express.
Bickerton, Mr. W. F. (Dunsmure Road). Theosophy.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Bond of Brotherhood.
British Institute of Public Health. Journal of State Medicine.
Catholic Association (Stoke Newington). Tablet.
Chambers, Mr. W. G. (Dumont Road). St. Mary Stoke Newington Parochial Magazine.
Dumville, Mr. B. (Aden Grove). Wesleyan Methodist Church Record.
Eve, Mrs. (Albion Road). Friendly Leaves.
Graves, Mr. G. C. (Green Lanes). Vaccination Inquirer.
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Era, Field, and Land and Water.
London County Council. Minutes.
Royal Colonial Institute. Journal.
Rutherford, Rev. T. D., M.A. Abney Quarterly.
School Board for London. Minutes.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. British Weekly, London Diocesan Magazine, and Guardian.
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road). Clarion.
Smith, Miss S. (Brooke Road). English Churchman, and Protestant Echo.
Sparks, Mr. H. W. (Church Street). Our Dogs.
Stoke Newington Vestry. Agendas and Minutes.
Taylor, Mr. C. J. (Albion Road). Co-operative News.
Watson, Mr. C. B. (Lordship Park). Sketch.
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street). Baily's Magazine.

Newspapers and Magazines, as follow, have been presented by their respective Publishers:—

Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette, Alliance News, Animal's Friend, Anti-Tobacco Journal (2 copies), Architect, Baby, Bakers' Times, British Clayworker, Building News, Chamber of Commerce Journal, Charity Record, Church Family Newspaper, Church Weekly, Churchwoman, Civil Service Competitor (2 copies), Civilian, Concord, Cyclist, Daily Chronicle (2 copies), Drapers' Record, Drapery World, Educational Times (2 copies), Electrician, Epicure, Financial Bulletin, Financial News, Financial Reformer, Folkestone Up-to-date, Free Russia, Fun, Hackney and Kingsland Gazette, Hackney Standard, Illustrated Journal of Patents, Insurance Agent and Review, Inventors' Review, Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, King's Dispatch, Labour Gazette, Land and Labour, Leisure Hour, Liberator, Local Government Journal, Londoner General Anzieger, Mercury, Minstrel, Musical Herald, Musical Times, Natural Food,

Naturalists' Journal, Nature Notes, New-Church Magazine, News of the World, North London Guardian, North London Popular Press, North Middlesex Weekly Standard, Our Own Gazette, Paper Makers' Circular, Patents, Phonetic Journal, Plumber and Decorator, Protestant Observer, Railway Review, Shorthand and Typewriting Magazine, Sisters, Speler, Spinning Wheel, State Correspondent, Stoke Newington Recorder (2 copies), Tailor and Cutter, Technical Education Gazette, Tool and Machinery Register, Tottenham and Stamford Hill Times, Vegetarian, Western World, Westminster Budget, Wheeler, Whitehall Review, Zoophilist.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES AND REPORTS.

London—Battersea, Chelsea, Christ Church (Southwark), Clapham, Finsbury Park, Fulham, Holborn, Lewisham, Minet (Lambeth and Camberwell), Newington, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles (Bloomsbury), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Saviour (Southwark), Shoreditch, Streatham, Westminster.

Provincial and foreign—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (Enoch Pratt), Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bromley, Cambridge, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chiswick, Croydon, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution and Mitchell), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Hove, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leicester, Liverpool, Longton, Manchester, Middlesborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, St. Helens, Salford, Sheffield, South Shields, Southampton, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Watford, Wigan, Willesden, Wolverhampton.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below in order to complete their sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831–50, 1852–58.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly Journal. v. 1—39.
Illustrated London News. v. 99—101, 1891–92.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth Century. Parts 1—16, 1877–8 ; 35—37, 39, 40, 1880 : 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Publications. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1856–78.
Punch, 1890.
Quarterly Review. v. 1—26, 34, 40, 60, 78, 80, 89, 100, 108—169.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at commencement of the year (including deposits on forms £1)			19 0 5
Rates (1d. in the £):			
Balance from 1894-5 ...	£9 11 10		
On account of 1895-6 ...	782 0 0		
		791 11 10	
Fines and penalties		61 10 8	
Sale of readers' tickets		13 7 4	
" general catalogues	£10 2 0		
" supplementary "	4 12 0		
		14 14 0	
Rent of land		6 0 0	
Advertisements in catalogue and on forms		18 2 6	
Sale of waste paper		9 1 10	
Post-cards for retention of books ...		5 8 2	
Deposits		2 10 0	
Books lost		1 16 6	
Subscription		0 10 0	
Miscellaneous		10 9 11	
Total receipts ...			935 2 9
			£954 3 2

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs and furniture	25 13 8	
Gas	49 17 8	
Coal and coke	14 16 3	
Water	6 13 0	
Rates, taxes, and insurance	47 13 6	
Cleaning materials, &c.	7 7 7	
		152 1 8
Books	95 8 10½	
Binding	47 16 3	
Newspapers and magazines	56 15 0	
		200 0 1½
Salaries and wages		279 6 5
Other establishment expenses:		
Stationery and printing	26 2 7½	
Audit stamp	3 0 0	
Postages and sundries	14 7 1	
		43 9 8½
Deposits returned		2 10 0
Loans: Principal and Interest		225 4 2
Total expenditure ...		902 12 1
Balances—In Bank (including deposits £1)*	49 0 3	
In hands of Librarian	2 10 10	
		51 11 1
		£954 3 2

* Outstanding liabilities about £62.

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 27th day of March*, 1896.

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1896, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is nine hundred and two pounds, twelve shillings and one penny.

As witness my hand this twenty-third day of July, 1896.

T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor*.

Stoke Newington

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS.

1896-7.

London:

Printed by JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, Suffolk Lane, E.C.

1897.

COMMISSIONERS, 1896-7.

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman.*
Mr. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*
„ ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.
„ FRANK E. MANLEY, 4, Allerton Road.
„ ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.
„ JOHN J. RÜNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road.
„ EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.
„ MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.
„ JAMES T. SMITH, 13, Burma Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books.

Rev. Preb. Shelford (*Chairman*).
Mr. Jobson.
„ Manley.
„ Royle.
„ Sage.

Finance.

Mr. Shaw (*Chairman*).
„ Jobson.
„ Rüntz.
„ Smith.

House.

Mr. Eve (*Chairman*).
„ Manley.
„ Royle.
„ Smith.

Librarian and Clerk:
GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:
W. GEO. CHAMBERS. | H. TAPLEY SOPER.
S. J. H. SMYTH.

Porter:
CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Bankers:
THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited), High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1897.

The Commissioners have the pleasing task of reporting that the progress of the Library still continues, the work accomplished during the year showing that it has lost none of its popularity, influence, or efficiency. The resources of the Library, Reading Rooms, and also of the staff have been taxed to the utmost, and it will be difficult to accomplish more unless these resources are considerably augmented. With an income only just sufficient, by the exercise of every economy, to cover the ordinary expenditure it must be considered satisfactory if the present high record can be maintained.

The total stock of books now numbers 11,457 volumes, of which 946 have been added during the year. 242 volumes have been withdrawn from stock for various reasons (211 of which have been replaced) so that the nett increase during the year has been 704 volumes.

102,750 volumes have been issued, representing a daily average of 396, and an increase of 626 over the previous year. In the Lending Library there has been an increase of 719, and in the Reference Library a decrease of 93.

In considering the work of the Reference Library, it must be remembered that some of the books mostly in demand are placed on unenclosed shelves, and that no record is kept of the number of times these are used.

One reason why the Reference Department is not used to a greater extent is, that the Commissioners have been unable to add more of the larger and more expensive works on scientific and technical subjects.

Many of the provincial Public Libraries have received grants of money from the Excise duties for the purchase of such books, and the Technical Education Board have been appealed to on behalf of the Public Libraries of London, with a view to obtaining similar grants, but up to the present these appeals have not been successful. It is believed that such grants would prove of considerable assistance to the work of that Board, by placing within the reach of students and artisans a larger supply of the best scientific and technical books.

There is very little change in the class of books issued, fiction being here, as everywhere, most in demand, but during the last four years there has been a steady decrease in the percentage of this class. In 1893-4, the percentage was 63·6; and during the past year, 60·3.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to 3,236 persons, of which 152 have been cancelled, leaving the total number of borrowers on March 25th, 3,084. Of these 851 are ratepayers, 2,233 non-ratepaying residents, &c.; 1,570 are females, and 1,514 males.

1,211 borrowers reside in the Northern division of the Parish, and 1,873 in the Southern division.

At the annual stocktaking all the Lending Library books were accounted for. Two volumes have been taken away by borrowers who have left the Parish, and whom the staff has not been able to trace; and fourteen volumes have been lost or damaged by borrowers who have paid for, or replaced the same by new copies.

Sixteen volumes have been stolen from the Reference Library during the year. Two of these were issued on the usual application forms, the borrowers having furnished false names and addresses, and the other fourteen were taken from the shelves in the Reading Room, to which readers are allowed "free access." A reward of two guineas was offered by the Commissioners for information which would lead to the conviction of the thief, but up to the present no books have been recovered.

The privilege granted to persons residing outside the Parish of borrowing books from the Lending Library on payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum, has been taken advantage of by 16 persons during the year.

The Reading Rooms still continue to maintain their popularity, the attendance being quite up to, if not exceeding that of the previous year.

The ventilation of the Rooms has been improved; and several additions have been made to the engravings, &c., exhibited on the walls, including a portrait of the Rev. Prebendary Shelford (Chairman of the Commissioners) presented by Messrs. Podbury and Hill, a portrait of the Rev. Thomas Jackson (late Rector of Stoke Newington) presented by the Rev. Prebendary Shelford, and a series of six engravings of Rome presented by Mr. F. Heath.

The Commissioners were represented by their Librarian at the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Buxton in September last, and a report of the proceedings, submitted by him, was printed and circulated.

Many valuable donations of books, &c., have been received by the Commissioners, who again desire to tender their grateful thanks to the donors, whose names are appended to this report.

It may be stated that without constant and numerous additions the value of the Library must inevitably decrease, and the Commissioners therefore venture to make a special appeal to all well-wishers of the Library for assistance, by donations of books, or subscriptions in money to be expended in the supply of literature.

The Financial Statement is also appended, duly certified by the District Auditor, and from this it will be seen that several very heavy items of expenditure have had to be provided for out of the year's income, particularly in respect of repairs and furniture, including ventilators (£13 8s.) bookcases (£24 10s. 6d.), and indicator (£15 12s. 6d.) After providing for these, the satisfactory sum of £107 1s. 11d. has been expended upon books, including the replacement of worn-out volumes. This amount has been divided as equally as possible between all classes of literature, and it will be seen on comparing the present stock with that of last year, that the balance of the various classes remains the same.

All the copies of the original catalogue, published in 1893, have been sold, and during the coming year the expense of publishing a new complete catalogue of the Library (estimated at £150) will have to be met. In addition to this the work of painting and cleaning the Library has pressed itself upon the Commissioners. It has been found impossible to meet the cost of doing the whole of the work at once, and a contract has therefore been entered into for necessary work in the interior, the exterior painting being left over for another year.

In March, 1897, the three retiring Commissioners, Messrs. A. Royle, J. J. Rüntz, J.P., and E. J. Sage, were re-elected by the Vestry. The Commissioners retire by rotation as follows:—

In March, 1898—Messrs. Eve, Jobson, and Shaw.
,, 1899— ,, Manley, Shelford, and Smith.
,, 1900— ,, Royle, Rüntz, and Sage.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

June 3rd, 1897.

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish, 1896	33,485
Area of Parish	639 acres
Rateable value (1897)	£219,609
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £ (1896-7)	£868 10s.
Public Libraries Act adopted	February, 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed ...	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ...	July 23rd, 1892

	1895-6	1896-7
Total number of Volumes in stock	10,753	11,457
" " " added during year...	1,169	946
" " " issued	102,124	102,750
Daily average issue	392	396
Average number of times which each Book has been issued	9·5	9
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	3,208	3,236
" " " cancelled ...	128	152
" " " now in force ...	3,080	3,084

(*Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually*).

Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)...	30	30·1
Percentage of Borrowers to population ...		9·2
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms ...	(about) 1,050	1,050

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of Stock	Volumes added during the year	Lending	Reference	Total	Percentage of issues	Turnover
A	Philosophy and religion	469	205	674	5·9	39	1,171	518	1,689	1·7	2·5
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	352	363	715	6·2	9	1,101	750	1,851	1·8	2·6
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	411	189	600	5·2	42	1,659	864	2,523	2·4	4·2
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	248	113	361	3·2	28	1,378	971	2,349	2·3	6·5
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	163	89	252	2·2	36	1,221	688	1,909	1·8	7·6
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, &c.)	836	654	1,490	13·	99	3,222	1,374	4,596	4·4	3·1
G	History, biography, and travel...	1,821	1,231	3,052	26·6	146	7,923	2,313	10,236	10·	3·3
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	354	721	1,075	9·4	62	2,718	2,165	4,883	4·7	4·5
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes)	501	—	501	4·4	74	10,726	—	10,726	10·4	21·4
K	Prose fiction	2,697	40	2,737	23·9	169	61,841	147	61,988	60·3	22·6
	TOTAL	7,852	3,605	11,457	100·	704	92,960	9,790	102,750	100·	9·

Daily average issue of Lending Library, 364; Reference Library, 32; Total, 396.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force March 25th, 1897:—3,084.
Held by Ratepayers, 851; Other residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 2,233.
Held by Males, 1,514; Females, 1,570.

Accountants	26
Actors and actresses ...	5
Agents and collectors ...	36
Apprentices	7
Architects and surveyors	20
Artists and sculptors ...	26
Assistants and salesmen	22
Auctioneers and valuers	3
Author	1
Bakers and confectioners	6
Bankers	5
Bookbinders	9
Booksellers	2
Bootmakers	9
Brassfitter	1
Brewer	1
Bricklayers	2
Brushmaker	1
Builders and contractors	13
Burnisher	1
Butchers...	11
Buyers	4
Cabinet makers	4
Caretaker	1
Carpenters and joiners	12
Carriage liner	1
Cashiers...	10
Caterer	1
Cellarman	1
Cheesemongers and Poulterers	2
Chemists	14
China merchant	1
Cigar & tobacco merchants	3
Civil servants	35
Clergymen and ministers	9
Clerks of works	2
Clerks & book-keepers	411
Coachbuilders	4
Coachmen	2
Company director ...	1
Corn broker	1
Corn dealers	3
Dairymen	2
Dandy-roll makers ...	2
Dental mechanic	1
Designers	2
Diamond setter	1
Die sinker	1
Domestic servants ...	36
Drapers and clothiers ...	21
Draughtsmen	4
Dressmakers & milliners	65
Dyers	3
Electricians	12
Embroidress	1
Engine driver	1
Engineers	19
Financier	1
Fishmongers	2
Floorcloth fitter	1
Florists	3
Foreign corespondent	1
Furniture dealers... ...	3
Furriers	3
Gardeners	3
Gasfitters	2
Gas inspector	1
Genealogist	1
Glass beveller	1
Glass manufacturer ...	1
Glaziers	2
Gold and silversmiths...	8
Gold pen maker	1
Greengrocers...	3
Grocers	16
Hairdressers	7
Hosiers	4
India rubber worker ...	1
Iron founder...	1
Ironmongers	3
Ivory workers	2
Journalists	16
Lantern slide maker ...	1
Leather merchants ...	2
Lecturer...	1
Licensed victuallers ...	3
Lift attendant	1
Linguist...	1
Lithographers	2
Locksmiths	2
London County Council officials	3
Machinists	6
Managers&manageresses	14
Manufacturers	5
Masseur	1
Meat Salesmen	4
Merchants and importers	25
Metal Workers	3
Miller	1
Mineral Water Manufacturer	1
Modeller	1
Musicians	16
Naturalists	2
Nurses	4
Office and errand boys...	5
Oilmen	5
Omnibus conductors ...	3
,, driver	1
Opticians	3
Organ builder	1
Packers	3
Painters and plumbers	14
Patent agents' searcher	1
Pawnbrokers...	2
Perambulator maker ...	1
Perfumer	1
Photographers	2
Physicians and surgeons	11
Pianoforte makers ...	7
Picture frame maker ...	1
Police officers	9
Porters	3
Post office employees ...	82
Print seller	1
Printers and compositors	37
Publishers	4
Railway employees ...	3
Registrar	1
Relieving officer	1
Sailors	2
Sanitary inspector ...	1
Scholars and students...	178
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters, mistresses, and teachers	158
Secretaries	5
Sewing machine mechanic	1
Shipbroker	1
Shipowners	2
Sign writers	3
Solicitors	8
Stationers	18
Stewardess	1
Stockbrokers...	7
Stoker	1
Store keeper	1
Superintendents	2
Tailors and tailoresses...	17
Tea blender	1
Tea merchant	1
Teacher of dancing ...	1
Telephone operators ...	2
Tennis bat stringer ...	1
Tie makers	3
Timber merchants ...	3
Time keeper	1
Tin plate worker	1
Tobacconists	3
Travellers	36
Type founders	2
Typists & stenographers	6
Umbrella makers... ...	2
Upholsterers	6
Verger	1
Waiters and waitresses	4
Warehousemen	32
Watch and clock makers	14
Wharfinger	1
Wheelwright	1
Wine merchant	1
Wood carver...	1
Not stated	1,265
	3,084

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Andrews, Mrs. C. C. (Petherton Road) 12
Association for the Suppression of Vivisection 1
Barrett, Mr. A. W. (Fleet Street) 1
Baxter. Mr. F. W. (Church Street) 25
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 4
Bramall, Mr. W. L. (Burma Road) 8
Canada, High Commissioner for 1
Champness & Co. (Publishers) 1
Church of England Book Society 63
Coopman, Mr. M. (Lordship Road) 1
Cowley, Mrs (Albion Road) ... 30
Currie, Sir D. & Co.... 1
Darby, Mr. G. R. (Hawksley Road) 11
Dublin University 1
Edinburgh University 1
Ford, Mr. W. (Sandbrook Road) 1
Great Eastern Railway Co. ... 2
Great Western Railway Co. ... 1
Guinness, Rev. H. G. (Curbar) 2
H.M. Stationery Office 14
Hagg, Mr. I. T. (Dynevor Road) 1
Hampton, Mr. W. (Publisher).. 1
Heath, Mr. F. (Lordship Park) 17
Heineman, Mr. W. (Publisher) 1
Hale, Mr. C. (Milton Road) ... 1
Hunt, Dr. (Paradise Row) ... 1
Hutton, Mr. A. W. (Chiswick) 1
Islington Vestry 11
James, Mr. B. S. (Billiter Street) 1
Jones, Mrs. J. W. (Carysfort Road) 17
King's College (London)... ... 1
Laurie, Mr. T. (Paternoster Row) 1
Levy, Mr. M. (Mitre Court) ... 2
London County Council 7
Low & Co. (Publishers) 2
Lusignan, Mr. H. G. de (Grazebrook Road) 2
Macmillan & Co. (Publishers) 2
Mess, Mr. H. A. (Grayling Road) 35
Naval Architects, Institution of 21
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Commissioner) 10
Salkeld-Cooke, Rev. H. (Aden Grove) 4
Salmon, Mr. J. (Bethune Road) 4
School Board for London ... 2
Sheffield, Mr. F. (Bouverie Road) 2
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. (Commissioner) 44
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Commissioner) 1
South London Entomological Society 1
Sparks, Mr. H. W. (Church Street) 1
Stoke Newington Vestry... ... 9
Thornhill, Mrs. (Allerton Road) 34
Trinity College (London) ... 1
Walker, Mr. C. C. (Lilleshall) 1
Webb, Mr. H. (Church Street) 3
Williams, Mr. W. R. (Albion Road) 3
Zimmerman, Madame (Norwood) 1
Zoological Society of London... 6

PICTURES, MAPS, &c.

Andrade, Mr. H. (Allerton Road). View of London about 1560.
Cherry, Mr. E. G. (High Street). Framed photo of "Cocky" Webster (last beadle of Stoke Newington).
Heath, Mr. F. (Lordship Park). Six engravings of Rome, framed.
Podbury and Hill, Messrs. (Hornsey). Framed portrait of Rev. Preb. Shelford (Chairman of the Commissioners).
Rawlins, Mr. E. F. Framed photo of the Library.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. Framed portrait of the late Rev. Thomas Jackson (Rector of Stoke Newington).
Shrimpton, Rev. H., A.K.C. Framed photo of the interior of All Saints' Church.
Stoke Newington Vestry. Map of Stoke Newington.

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Smith, Miss S. (Brooke Road). English Churchman, and Protestant Echo.
Sparks, Mr. H. W. (Church Street). Our Dogs.
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MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council. School Board for London. Stoke Newington Vestry.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES AND REPORTS.

London—Battersea, Chelsea, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Holborn, Kensington, Lewisham, Minet (Camberwell and Lambeth), Newington, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles (Bloomsbury), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Saviour (Southwark), Shoreditch, Streatham, Westminster.

Provincial and foreign—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bromley, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chiswick, Croydon, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hereford, Hove, Kilburn, Leamington, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Southampton, South Shields, Twickenham, Tynemouth, West Ham, Willesden Green, Wolverhampton.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below in order to complete their sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-58.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly Journal. v. 1—39.
Illustrated London News. v. 100—101, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth Century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8 ; 35—37, 39, 40, 1880 ; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Publications. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1856-78.
Quarterly Review. v. 1—26, 34, 40, 60, 78, 80, 89, 100, 108—169.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at commencement of year (including deposits on forms £1)			51 11 1
Rates (1d. in the £):			
Balance from 1895-6 ...	£22 5 0		
On account of 1896-7 ...	840 0 0		
		862 5 0	
Fines and penalties		61 15 0	
Subscriptions		8 0 0	
Sale of readers' tickets		13 9 8	
„ general catalogues	£1 19 0		
„ supplementary „	6 12 6		
		8 11 6	
Rent of land		6 0 0	
Advertisements on forms, &c.		15 12 6	
Post-cards for retention of books	£5 16 1		
Sale of waste paper ...	8 6 9		
Books lost	1 8 6		
Deposits	1 10 0		
		17 1 4	
Total receipts ...			992 15 0
			£1,044 6 1

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs and furniture	64 18 3	
Gas	49 19 4	
Coal and coke	15 8 6	
Water	6 13 0	
Rates, taxes, and insurance	47 18 11	
Cleaning materials, &c.	5 9 9	
		190 7 9
Books	107 1 11	
Binding and magazine cases... ...	45 19 9	
Newspapers and magazines	59 16 6	
Printing supplementary catalogue ...	25 0 0	
		237 18 2
Salaries and wages...		320 15 0
Other establishment charges :		
Printing and stationery	32 8 1	
Audit stamp	3 0 0	
Postages and sundries	15 15 7	
		51 3 8
Loans : Principal and Interest		225 6 6
Other expenditure : Deposits returned ...	2 0 0	
Miscellaneous	9 6 0	
		11 6 0
Total expenditure ...		1,036 17 1
Balances—In Bank (including deposit 10s.)	4 16 7	
In hands of Librarian	2 12 5	
		7 9 0
		£1,044 6 1

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 26th day of March*, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1897, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is One thousand and thirty-six pounds, seventeen shillings and one penny.

As witness my hand this 3rd day of June, 1897.

T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor.*

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COMMISSIONERS, 1897-8

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman.*

Mr. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*

„ ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.

„ FRANK E. MANLEY, 4, Allerton Road.

„ ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.

„ JOHN J. RUNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road.

„ EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.

„ MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.

„ JAMES T. SMITH, 13, Foulden Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books:—Rev. Preb. Shelford (*Chairman*), Messrs. Jobson, Manley, Royle and Sage.

Finance:—Mr. Shaw (*Chairman*), Messrs. Jobson, Runtz and Smith.

House:—Mr. Eve (*Chairman*), Messrs. Manley, Royle and Smith.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:

Senior—W. GEO. CHAMBERS, H. TAPLEY SOPER,
Junior—ERNEST MAYHEW, J. H. MALLIN.

Porter:

CHARLES BLACKMORE.

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High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1898.

In presenting their Eighth Annual Report, the Commissioners have much pleasure in calling attention to the growth of the Library during the period under review.

The total stock of books now numbers 12,290 volumes of which 969 have been added during the year; 136 volumes have been withdrawn from stock for various reasons, the nett increase being therefore 833.

99,413 volumes have been issued, representing a daily average of 387. This is a decrease of 3,337 in the total issues (Lending Library 1629, and Reference Library 1708) and 9 in the daily average.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to 3,126 persons, of which number 135 have been cancelled, leaving a total number of borrowers on March 25th, of 2,991, as compared with 3,084 last year. Of these 815 are ratepayers, 2,176 non-ratepaying residents, &c.; 1,515 are females, and 1,476 males. 1,123 reside in the northern division of the parish, 1,856 in the southern division, and 12 are non-resident subscribers.

The decrease in the number of borrowers and of volumes issued, is, no doubt, mainly due to the fact that cycling has become so popular a pastime among the younger portion of the population. This supposition is borne out to some extent by the fact that the decrease in the issues was almost entirely limited to the summer months, the winter season having been as busy as any on record. The Library was closed for a longer period during the summer, and this has also affected the issues to some extent.

The percentage of each class of literature remains nearly the same as in previous years, fiction being represented to the extent of 23·8 per cent. of the total stock, and 61·5 per cent. of the total issues.

At the annual stock-taking every volume was accounted for. Two volumes have been lost through borrowers having removed from the parish and whom it has been impossible to trace, and eleven volumes have been lost by borrowers who have replaced the same or paid the cost of new copies.

The Reading Rooms still maintain their popularity and, spacious as they are, at some periods of the day, become inconveniently crowded.

The crowding of the rooms having emphasized the need for additional ventilation, the Commissioners have had the matter under their consideration for some time past, and last year they were able to report that some improvement had been effected. The question is still before them, and further alterations are being made.

The interior of the Library has been cleaned and painted during the year at the cost of £60, and it is intended that the exterior shall be repainted during the coming year.

A new complete catalogue of the Library was published in September last, at a cost of £144 10s. 8d. Of this amount £109 12s. 8d. has been paid, leaving (by arrangement with the printer) £34 18s. to be paid from next year's income.

After meeting these heavy items of expenditure the Commissioners have been enabled to spend the sum of £82 5s. 9d. in the purchase of new books, and the replacement of worn out volumes.

They have been assisted in this by the fact that, during the year, the Library has been registered as a Literary Society under 6 and 7 Vict. cap. 36, and thereby exempted from payment of local rates. An additional sum of £40 per annum is thus available for the purchase of books.

In order that the benefit of this Act may be received in the future, it is necesssary that the Library shall be in receipt of annual and other voluntary contributions *in money*, as well as donations of books, and parishioners are therefore appealed to for such contributions.

A list of subscribers during the past year will be found on page 10 of this report.

A large number of valuable donations of books, &c., have been received, and the Commissioners have again the pleasure of tendering their grateful thanks to the various donors.

Among the more interesting the following may be mentioned: A series of extracts from the Registers of the Parish, commencing 1559, edited by Mr. E. J. Sage; and Extracts from the Minutes of the Stoke Newington Vestry, commencing 1681, edited by Mr. J. R. Spratling. These were published in the columns of the *North London Guardian*, some years ago, and proof slips preserved and presented to the Library by the above named gentlemen respectively. They have been mounted and arranged in volumes by the Librarian, and are available for reference.

Mr. Sage has also presented many books, miscellaneous documents, cuttings, illustrations, &c., relating to the history of the parish, and these are also being arranged for purposes of reference.

The Rev. Preb. Shelford has continued his generosity by presenting among other valuable works, "The Harleian miscellany," 12 vols.; Ratzel's "History of mankind," vols. 1-2; "Memoirs of Barras," 4 vols.; Hodder's "Conquests of the Cross," 3 vols.; and Mrs. De Morgan's "Reminiscences."

Mrs. Morris, widow of the late William Morris, has presented two valuable and interesting volumes printed at the famous Kelmscott Press, viz: "The Well at the world's end." by Wm. Morris, and "Sidonia the sorceress," by Wm. Meinhold.

The Rev. A. Crichton Alexander has generously presented 17 volumes of useful standard works.

Other valuable donations have been received, which are too numerous to specify in detail, but a list of the donors will be found appended.

The Commissioners are frequently requested to state what books are required, and can only reply in general terms that standard works in all classes of literature are acceptable, provided they are not already in the Library, and should intending donors be in doubt as to the acceptability of any books, the Commissioners will be pleased to receive them on approval.

The detailed financial statement which is appended will show that the funds of the Library have been expended in a judicious and economical manner.

In March, 1898, the three retiring Commissioners, Messrs. W. Eve, R. Jobson, and M. Shaw, were re-elected by the Vestry. The Commissioners retire by rotation, as follows:—

In March, 1899—Messrs. Manley, Shelford and Smith.
,, 1900— ,, Royle, Runtz and Sage.
,, 1901— ,, Eve, Jobson and Shaw.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WM. EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 5th, 1898.

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish, 1896		33,485
Area of Parish		639 acres
Rateable value		£222,400
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £ (1897-8) ..		£890 15s.
Public Libraries Act adopted		February 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed ...		March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened... ...		October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened		October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ..		July 23rd, 1892
	1896-7	1897-8
Total number of Volumes in stock ...	...11,457	12,290
Nett increase ,, ,, ...	704	833
Total number of Volumes issued ...	102,750	99,413
Daily average issue	396	387
Average number of times which each Book has been issued...	9	8·1
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	3,236	3,126
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ...	152	135
,, ,, ,, in force ...	3,084	2,991

(*Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually.*)

Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)...	30·1	30·5
Percentage of Borrowers to population ...	9·2	8·9
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms ...(about)	1,050	1,050

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of Stock.	Vol'mes added during the year	Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of issues	Turn-over.
A	Philosophy and Religion	510	225	735	6·	61	985	455	1,440	1·5	2·
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c)	329	424	753	6·2	38	987	680	1,667	1·7	2·2
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	445	197	642	5·2	42	1,465	721	2,186	2·2	3·4
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	263	120	383	3·1	22	1,242	855	2,097	2·1	5·4
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	192	90	282	2·3	30	1,251	745	1,996	2·	7·1
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, &c.)	878	723	1,601	13·	111	3,048	1,115	4,163	4·2	2·6
G	History, biography, and travel ...	1,966	1,352	3,318	27·	266	7,091	1,942	9,033	9.1	2·7
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c)	389	707	1,096	8·9	21	3,207	1,416	4,623	4·6	4·2
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes)	559	—	559	4·5	58	11,017	—	11,017	11·1	19·7
K	Prose fiction	2,879	42	2,921	23·8	184	61,038	153	61,191	61·5	20·9
	TOTAL	8,410	3,880	12,290	100·	833	91,331	8,082	99,413	100·	8·1

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 360; Reference Library, 27; Total, 387.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force March 25th, 1898:—2991.
Held by Ratepayers, 815; Other residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 2176.
Held by Males, 1476; Females, 1515.

Accountants	37
Actors and actresses	5
Agents and collectors	31
Analyst	1
Apprentices	14
Architects & surveyors	12
Artificial florist	1
Artists and sculptors	15
Assistants and salesmen	40
Auctioneers and valuers	3
Authors and journalists	11
Bag maker	1
Bailiff	1
Bakers & confectioners	11
Bankers	5
Barmen	2
Bookbinders	8
Bootmakers	11
Boxmakers	3
Brass finishers	2
Bricklayer	1
Brokers	3
Brushmaker	1
Builders & contractors	15
Butchers	8
Buyers	2
Cabinet makers	8
Caretakers	4
Carpenters and joiners	15
Carpet dealer	1
Carriage liner	1
Cashiers	13
Caterer	1
Chemists	11
China dealer	1
Chronometer finisher	1
Civil servants	35
Clergymen & ministers	10
Clerk of works	1
Clerks & book-keepers	397
Coach builder	1
Coachman	1
Copyists	2
Corn dealers	6
Cutlers	4
Dairymen	3
Dandy-roll maker	1
Dental mechanics	2
Designers	3
Diamond setters	3
Domestic servants	41
Drapers and clothiers	18
Draughtsmen	4
Dressmakers & milliners	54
Electrical instrument maker	1
Electricians	6
Embroideresses	2
Engine drivers	2
Engineers	15
Engraver	1
Fishmonger	1
Florist	1
French polishers	2
Furniture dealers	2
Furriers	3
Gardener	1
Gas engineer	1
Gas fitters	4
Gas inspector	1
Gas meter makers	2
Glass beveller	1
Glass manufacturer	1
Glaziers	3
Gold and silversmiths	6
Gold pen maker	1
Greengrocer	1
Grocers	9
Hairdressers	9
Hosiers	4
India rubber worker	1
Instrument maker	1
Ironmongers	6
Ivory worker	1
Lamp shade maker	1
Law writer	1
Leather dealer	1
Leather workers	3
Lecturers	2
Librarian	1
Lift attendant	1
Lithographers	3
London County Council officials	3
Machinists	9
Managers and manageresses	14
Manufacturers	9
Masons	2
Merchants & importers	36
Metal worker	1
Music dealer	1
Musicians	11
Naturalist	1
Newsagents & stationers	18
Nurse	1
Office and errand boys	9
Oilmen	3
Omnibus conductors	4
Optician	1
Organ builder	1
Packers	2
Painters and plumbers	9
Paperhanger	1
Photographers	4
Physicians & surgeons	6
Pianoforte makers	8
Police officers	7
Post Office employees	80
Print seller	1
Printers & compositors	38
Provision dealers	4
Publishers	2
Railway employees	5
Registrar	1
Rice miller	1
Saddler	1
Sanitary inspectors	2
Scholars and students	154
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters, mistresses and teachers	166
Secretaries	9
Solicitors	8
Stewardess	1
Stockbrokers	8
Superintendents	4
Surgical instrument makers	2
Swivel maker	1
Tailors and tailoresses	11
Telegraphist	1
Tennis bat stringer	1
Tie makers	2
Timber merchants	4
Time keeper	1
Tin plate worker	1
Tobacconists	6
Travellers	43
Type founder	1
Typists & stenographers	11
Umbrella maker	1
Upholsterers	4
Veterinary surgeon	1
Victuallers	5
Waitress	1
Warehousemen	39
Watchmakers & jewellers	9
Weavers	3
Wharfinger	1
Wheelwright	1
Wood carver	1
Writer	1
Not stated	1204
	2991

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawkesley Road) 1
Alexander, Rev. A. C. (Bethune Road) 17
Anonymous 1
Australia, Western, Agent-General for 3
Bailey, Rev. M. B. (Brownswood Park) 1
Barmera, Mr. N. D. (Park Lane) 3
Baxter, Miss (Church Street) 4
Baxter, Mr. F. W. (Church Street) 10
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P., (Church Street) 1
Birmingham Public Library 1
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 6
Bramall, Mr. H. L. (Burma Road) 11
Brinsmead, Mr. E. 1
British Museum (Natural History) 3
Bureau of Education (Washington, U.S.A.) 5
Canada, High Commissioner for 1
Chadwick, Mrs. D. (Kensington) 1
City and Guilds of London Institute 1
Cook, Lady (Richmond) ... 1
Cook, Mr. E. H. (Northwold Road) 1
Co-operative Union (Manchester) 4
Curwen and Sons, Messrs. (London) 3
Danson, Mr. J. T. (Liverpool) 1
Dublin University.. 2
Durham University 1
Edinburgh University 1
Edwards, Mr. J. Passmore ... 1
Edwards, Miss M. B. (Hastings) 1
Ellis, Mr. C. (Lyme Regis) ... 1
Evans, Mr. H. (Teddington) 2
Friends' Tract Association ... 1
Friends, Society of... 24
Gosling, Mrs. (Albion Road) 1
Grant, Mr. J. (Edinburgh) ... 1
Great Eastern Railway Co. ... 1
Great Northern ,, ... 1
Hampton, Mr. W. (Farringdon Street) 1
Higgleton, Mr. W. (Oldfield Road) 6
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood) 2
Hunt, Dr. (Paradise Row) ... 14
Islington Vestry 1
Jobson, Mr. R. (Commissioner) 1
Key, Mrs. (Church Street) ... 1
King's College, London ... 1
Littlewood, Rev. A. B. (Church Street)... 17
Liverpool Public Library ... 3
London County Council ... 2
London Directory Company (Abchurch Lane) 1
Lusignan, Mr. H. G. de (Grazebrook Road) 6
Manley, Mr. F. E. (Commissioner) 2
Marion & Co., Messrs. (London) 3
Mitchell, Miss (Lordship Terrace) 4
Morris, Mrs. (Hammersmith) 2
National Footpath Preservation Society 1
National Protestant Church Union 1
Naval Architects, Institution of 19
North British Association of Gas Managers 1
Osborne, Mrs. (Manor Road) 3
Richardson, Mr. H. C. (Park Lane) 34
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Commissioner) 14
School Board for London ... 11
Sharpe, Miss (Highbury Terrace) 7
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. (Commissioner) 41
Shrewsbury Public Library... 1
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road) 3
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Commissioner) 1
South London Entomological Society 1
Stoke Newington Vestry ... 2
Sutton & Sons, Messrs. (Reading) 1
Taylor, Mr. S. 1
Technical Education Board 2
Thornhill, Mrs. (Allerton Road) 25
Trinity College, London ... 1
University Correspondence College, London 1
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street) 3
Welch, Mr. C. (Seven Sisters' Road) 86
Wyman & Co., Messrs. (London) 1

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	s.	d.
Eve, Mr. W.	5	0
Jobson, Mr. R.	5	0
Manley, Mr. F. E.	5	0
Royle, Mr. A.	5	0
Runtz, Mr. J. J., J.P.	5	0
Sage, Mr. E. J.	5	0
Shaw, Mr. M.	5	0
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P.	5	0
Smith, Mr. J. T....	5	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crowther, Mr. J. H. (Lordship Road). Weekly Chronicle, May 28th and June 25th, 1837 ; Police Gazette, Nov. 23rd, 1833.

Sage, Mr. E. J. Proof Slips of Extracts from the Registers of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, 1559—1884. Various documents, newspaper cuttings, illustrations, &c., relating to the Parish of Stoke Newington.

Spratling, Mr. J. R. Proof slips of Extracts from the Minutes of the Stoke Newington Vestry, 1681—1855.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Agate, Mr. E. (Church Street). Answers.
Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawkesley Road). Daylight.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. (Church Street). Geographical journal, Library, Quarterly journal of the Geological Society, Sussex express.
Bickerton, Mr. W. E. Universal Brotherhood.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Mr. C. (High Street). Feathered world.
Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animal's friend, Humanity, Herald of the golden age.
Chambers, Mr. W. G. St. Mary Stoke Newington parochial magazine.
Day, Mr. G. (Hawkesley Road). National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Dumville, Mr. B. (Aden Grove). Wesleyan Methodist Church record.
Elnauft, Mr. G. C. (Narford Road). The earthen vessel.
Eve, Mrs. (Albion Road). Friendly leaves.
Fowler, Miss (Fairholt Road). Protestant Girl, Protestant Woman.
Frisby, Mr. A. (Paddington). Brotherhood.
Graves, Mr. G. C. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Asian, Country sport, Era, Field, Land and water.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. British weekly, Guardian, Local government journal, London diocesan magazine.
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Free Sunday advocate, Fun, Hackney and Kingsland gazette, Hackney standard, Hollandia, House, Illustrated journal of patents, Insurance agent, Inventor's review, Journal of state medicine, Journal of the Clerks of Works association, Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute, Labour gazette, Land and labour, Liberator, Literary guide, London argus, Londoner general anzieger, Madame, Mercury, Musical herald, Musical times, Nature notes, New Church magazine, News of the world, North London guardian, North Middlesex weekly standard, Our own gazette, Paper makers' circular, Phonetic journal, Plumber and decorator, Presbyterian, Railway review, Son of temperance, State correspondent, Stoke Newington recorder, Tailor and cutter, Technical education gazette, Tool and machinery register, Tottenham and Stamford Hill times, Travel, University correspondent, University extension journal, Vegetarian, West Ham guardian, Westminster budget, Wheeler, Zoophilst.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council. School Board for London. Stoke Newington Vestry.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES AND REPORTS.

London:—Battersea, Chelsea, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Holborn, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. Bride's Institute, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles Bloomsbury, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Streatham, Westminster, Whitechapel.

Provincial and foreign:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bromley, Buxton, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Carlisle, Chiswick, Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hereford, Hove, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Leamington, Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle, Oxford (Bodleian), Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, St. Helens, South Shields, Twickenham, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrain, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London, Chatham and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below in order to complete their sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly Journal. v. 1—27, 39.
Illustrated London news. v. 100—101, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth Century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8; 35–37, 39, 40, 1880; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Publications. v. 1—33.
Philolcgical Society. Transactions. 1856-78.
Quarterly Review. v. 1—26, 34, 40, 60, 78, 0, 89, 100, 108—17, 119—38, 140—1, 145—50, 164—9.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and expenditure by the Commissioners, for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at commencement of the year (including deposit on form 10/-)			7 9 0
Rates (1d. in the £):	£ s. d.		
Balance from 1896-7	28 10 0		
On account of 1897-8 ..	880 0 0		
		908 10 0	
Fines and penalties		58 5 10	
Subscriptions		8 15 0	
Sale of readers' tickets		12 19 6	
,, general catalogues	30 15 0		
,, supplementary ,,	1 3 9		
		31 18 9	
Rent of land		6 0 0	
Advertisements in catalogues, &c. ..		45 2 6	
Postcards for retention of books	4 12 3		
Sale of waste paper ..	7 10 3		
Cost of books lost, repaid by borrowers	1 12 6		
Deposits on forms	1 10 0		
		15 5 0	
Total Receipts			1086 16 7
			£1094 5 7

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs and furniture ..	56 5 10	
Gas	50 8 11	
Coal and coke	12 4 0	
Water	6 13 0	
Taxes and insurance	10 10 10	
Cleaning materials, &c.	8 7 4	
		144 9 11
Books	82 5 9	
Binding	36 1 4	
Newspapers and magazines ..	57 13 2	
Printing catalogue (part payment)	109 12 8	
		285 12 11
Salaries and wages		341 13 6
Other establishment charges:		
Printing and stationery	26 19 11	
Audit stamp	4 0 0	
Postages and sundries	16 17 2	
		47 17 1
Loans: Principal and interest ..		225 8 10
Miscellaneous expenditure	3 12 0	
Deposits returned	1 0 0	
		4 12 0
Total expenditure ..		1049 14 3
Balances:		
In Bank (including deposits £1)	44 0 11	
In hands of Librarian	0 10 5	
		44 11 4
		£1094 5 7

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 26th day of March, 1898.*

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1898, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is One thousand and forty-nine pounds, fourteen shillings and threepence.

As witness my hand this 23rd day of June, 1898.

T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor.*

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COMMISSIONERS. 1898-9.

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman.*

Mr. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman.*

,, ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road.

,, FRANK E. MANLEY, 4, Allerton Road.

,, ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road.

,, JOHN J. RUNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road.

,, EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.

,, MATTHEW SHAW, 2, Glebe Place.

,, JAMES T. SMITH, 9, Foulden Road.

COMMITTEES.

Books:—Rev. Preb. Shelford (*Chairman*) Messrs. Jobson, Manley, Royle and Sage.

Finance:—Mr. Jobson (*Chairman*) Messrs. Runtz, Shaw and Smith.

House:—Mr. Eve (*Chairman*) Messrs. Manley, Royle and Smith.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:

Senior—W. GEO. CHAMBERS, H. TAPLEY SOPER.

Junior—J. H. MALLIN, ERNEST G. BLISS.

Porter:

CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Bankers:

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited)
High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended March 25th, 1899.

The Commissioners, in presenting their Ninth Annual Report, are pleased to record the continued efficiency and popularity of the Library.

The total stock of books now numbers 12,921 volumes, of which 936 have been added during the year. 305 have been withdrawn from stock, principally on account of their dilapidated condition, so that the nett increase is 631 volumes.

100,848 volumes have been issued, representing a daily average of 383. This is an increase over the issues of the previous year of 1,435 volumes.

Nearly 300 volumes, including those which are most frequently required by readers, are placed upon unenclosed shelves in the Reference Library. No record is kept of the number of times these are used, but from careful observation it is estimated that over 100 readers consult them daily.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to 3,090 persons, of which 148 have been cancelled, leaving the total number in force on March 25th, 2,942.

Of these 806 are ratepayers, 2,136 non-ratepaying residents, employees, &c.; 1,487 are females, and 1,458 males. 1,116 reside in the Northern Division of the parish, 1,815 in the Southern Division, and 11 are non-resident subscribers.

At the annual stock-taking every volume in the Lending Library was again accounted for. Three volumes, of the total value of 7s. 6d., have been stolen from the unenclosed shelves in the Reference Library, and 10 volumes lost by borrowers who have paid the cost of new copies.

679 volumes have been rebound during the year, at a cost, including the repairs to magazine cases, of £49 9s. 6d.

The exterior of the Library has been repainted, a large self-acting ventilator erected over the Reference Library, which has proved to be very effective in removing the vitiated air from this portion of the building, and chains have been fixed outside the Library to which borrowers may secure their bicycles instead of placing them in the hall.

After providing for these special items of expenditure, and paying off the balance due to Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode for printing catalogue, the sum of £140 was available for purchasing new books, and replacing worn-out volumes. This is the largest sum expended in any one year for the purpose, since the present Library building was opened.

In making additions to the Library for some years past, the Commissioners have only been able to meet the more pressing demands of the Lending Library, and have found themselves unable to purchase the more expensive works required to bring the Reference Library somewhat up-to-date. During the past year, however, several important additions have been made to this department, and it is hoped that in future years, circumstances will admit of a larger proportion of the sum available for the purchase of new books being allocated for this purpose than heretofore.

Among the more important books purchased, are:—Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, vol. 1.; Hunt's London local government. 2 vols.; Sonnenschein's Cyclopædia of education; Traill's Social England, 6 vols.; Roscoe and Schorlemmer's Chemistry, 3 vols. in 9; Thorpe's Dictionary of applied chemistry, 3 vols.; Geikie's Text-book of geology; Dana's Descriptive mineralogy; Parker and Haswell's Text-book of zoology, 2 vols.; Allen's Naturalist's library, 16 vols.; Palæontographical Society's Publications (continued); Peck's Atlas of the heavens; Technological dictionary (English, German, French) 3 vols.; Burton's Water supply of towns; Notter and Firth's Manual of hygiene; Douglas Jerrold's Works, 4 vols.; Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon; Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman antiquities, 2 vols.; Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman geography, 2 vols.; Kiepert's Atlas antiquus; Bacon's Atlas of the British Isles; O'Brien's Round towers of Ireland; Dictionary of national biography (continued).

The number of donations received during the year shows a considerable falling off as compared with previous years, but the Commissioners are pleased to report the receipt of several donations of importance, including:—

Anson's Law and custom of the constitution, Taswell-Langmead's English constitutional history, Hall's International law, Alexander's Records of the Stoke Newington Dispensary, and 61 other volumes; from Mr. G. H. Alexander.

Van Heurck's Treatise on the diatomaceæ (transl. by the donor) Journal of the Geological Society, 11 vols., and various periodicals, as issued; from Mr. Wynne E. Baxter.

Davidson's Introduction to the Old Testament, 3 vols., Memorials of the Earl of Selborne, 2 vols., Lang's Life of Lockhart, 2 vols., Spence's Church of England: a history, 4 vols., Nicoll's Literary anecdotes of the 19th century, and 21 others; from the Rev. Preb. Shelford.

A further selection of books, views, documents, &c., relating to the history of Stoke Newington, from Mr. E. J. Sage; and valuable gifts of standard works from Mr. F. Heath and Mrs. Thornhill.

A list of the various donors is appended, to whom the Commissioners desire to tender their cordial thanks.

The Commissioners continue to receive from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, free grants of the more important Parliamentary papers, and these are used to a considerable extent. Among those already received, are:—Reports of the Royal Commissions on Elementary and Secondary education, Historical MSS., Local taxation, Vaccination, &c.; Annual Reports and Returns of the Education Department, Science and Art Department, Registrar of Friendly Societies, Registrar-General, Labour Department of the Board of Trade, Post Office, Local Government Board, &c.; Returns Relating to the Census, Customs, Trade and navigation; and all relating specifically to London.

Lists of additions to the Library have been published in the columns of the *Stoke Newington Recorder*, through the courtesy of its editor, and in this way the books have been brought prominently before the notice of the public.

The crowded state of the Reading Rooms, and the increasing stock of books, have forced upon the Commissioners the fact that to provide for future needs some provision should be made for the extension of the Library building.

They recently ascertained that the land on the west side of Edwards Lane was about to be cleared, and entered into negotiations for the purchase of a portion of the land, with the result that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, after taking into consideration the purpose for which the land will be used, consented to sell a plot having a 50ft. frontage on Edwards Lane, for the nominal sum of £200. This is much below the market value of the land, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have been very generous in the matter.

The proposed addition, together with the vacant land now in the possession of the Commissioners, will provide a site measuring about 5,000 sq. ft. for such extension as the future may demand, and the Library funds allow.

Application is now being made to the Local Government Board for permission to borrow the necessary sum for the purchase of the land.

The Commissioners regret the loss to the Library, through their removal from the parish, of Messrs. Matthew Shaw and James T. Smith, who have as Commissioners, worked assiduously for the success of the Library.

Mr. Shaw materially assisted in the movement for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts, in January, 1890, was one of the first Commissioners elected to carry out the Acts, and has held the office uninterruptedly since that date.

Mr. Smith has been a Commissioner since March, 1891, he being at that time chairman of the Ratepayers' Association.

Resolutions expressing regret at their resignation, and appreciation of their services, were passed unanimously by the Commissioners.

In March, 1899, the Vestry unanimously re-elected the Rev. Preb. Shelford, M.A., J.P., whose term of office had expired, and elected Messrs. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., John Glass, and Sidney White, LL.D., B.A., in place of Messrs. Frank E. Manley, Matthew Shaw, and James T. Smith. The Commissioners retire by rotation, as follows:—

In March, 1900—Messrs. Royle, Runtz and Sage.
,, 1901— ,, Eve, Glass and Jobson.
,, 1902— ,, Baxter, Shelford and White.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WM. EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 4th, 1899.

[The issue of this Report has been delayed, in consequence of the Audit not having been held until August 10th.]

SUMMARY.

Population of Parish, 1896		33,485
Area of Parish		639 acres
Rateable value		£225,734
Product of Rate of 1d. in the £ (1898-9) ..		£908 15s.
Public Libraries Act adopted		February 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed ...		March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened... ...		October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened		October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ...		July 23rd, 1892
	1897-8	1898-9
Total number of Volumes in stock ...	...12,290	12,921
Nett increase ,, ,, ...	... 833	631
Total number of Volumes issued ...	99,413	100,848

(Exclusive of Books placed on unenclosed shelves.)

Daily average issue	387	383
Average number of times which each Book has been issued...	8·1	7·8
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	3,126	3,090
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ...	135	148
,, ,, ,, in force ...	2,991	2,942

(Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually.)

Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)...	30·5	31·
Percentage of Borrowers to population ...	8·9	8·8
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms ...(about)	1,050	1,050

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of Stock.	Vol'mes added during the year	Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of issues	Turn-over
A	Philosophy and religion	543	230	773	6·	38	1,153	789	1,942	1·9	2·5
B	Sociology (politics, law, education, &c)	327	468	795	6·1	42	898	704	1,602	1·6	2·
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	456	243	699	5·4	57	1,384	970	2,354	2·3	3·4
D	Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	290	144	434	3·3	51	1,277	1,017	2,294	2·3	5·3
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	215	95	310	2·4	28	1,189	765	1,954	1·9	6·3
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, &c.)	934	740	1,674	13·	73	2,986	1,388	4,374	4·3	2·6
G	History, biography, and travel ...	2,076	1,404	3,480	26·9	162	6,213	2,294	8,507	8·5	2·4
H	Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c)	402	743	1,145	9·	49	3,063	1,584	4,647	4·6	4·
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes)	597	—	597	4·6	38	11,285	—	11,285	11·2	19·
K	Prose fiction	2,970	44	3,014	23·3	93	61,728	161	61,889	61·4	20·5
	TOTAL	8,810	4,111	12,921	100·	631	91,176	9,672	100,848	100·	7·8

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 352; Reference Library, 31; Total, 383.

* Exclusive of books on unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force, March 25th, 1899:—2942.
Held by Ratepayers, 806; Other residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 2136.
Held by Males, 1455; Females, 1487.

Accountants	37
Actors and actresses	4
Agents and collectors	39
Apprentices	12
Architects & surveyors	10
Army officer	1
Artists	11
Assistants and salesmen	57
Authors and journalists	13
Bakers & confectioners	7
Barmen & barmaids	4
Bookbinders	8
Bootmakers	11
Boxmaker	1
Brass finishers	6
Brewers	2
Bricklayers	3
Brokers	6
Brushmaker	1
Builders & contractors	18
Butchers	6
Buyers	3
Cabinet makers	2
Caretaker	1
Carman	1
Carpenters and joiners	9
Carriage liner	1
Cashiers	10
Charwomen	2
Chemists	5
China dealer	1
Civil servants	33
Clergymen & ministers	8
Clerks & book-keepers	383
Coachman	1
Cooper	1
Copyists	5
Curriers	2
Cutler	1
Dairymen	2
Dealers	7
Dentists	2
Designers	2
Diamond mounters	2
Domestic servants	25
Drapers and clothiers	10
Draughtsmen	6
Dressmakers & milliners	50
Electricians	7
Engineers	17
Engravers	3
Fishmonger	1
Florists	2
French polisher	1
Fruiterers	2
Furriers	4
Gardeners	6
Gas fitters	8
Gas inspectors	4
Glass manufacturer	1
Gold and silversmiths	3
Grocers	8
Hairdressers	9
Hatter	1
Herald	1
Hosiers	2
India rubber workers	2
Ironmongers	3
Leather workers	3
Lecturer	1
Lift attendants	2
Lithographers	4
Machinists	9
Managers & manageresses	12
Manufacturers	10
Masons	2
Merchants & importers	39
Messengers	2
Metal workers	2
Miller	1
Modeller	1
Musicians	8
Naturalist	1
Newsagents & stationers	14
Nurse	1
Office and errand boys	8
Oilmen	5
Omnibus employees	9
Opticians	3
Organ tuner	1
Organists	2
Packers	2
Painters and plumbers	5
Paperhanger	1
Paperstainer	1
Pensioners	2
Photographers	6
Physicians & surgeons	12
Pianoforte makers	2
Police officers	12
Post Office employees	76
Print seller	1
Printers & readers	39
Publishers	2
Rate collectors	2
Railway employees	7
Registrars	2
Relieving officers	3
Sailor	1
Sanitary officers	2
Scholars and students	176
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters, mistresses and teachers	153
Scientific instrument makers	2
Secretaries	6
Sign writer	1
Solicitors	7
Speech specialist	1
Stick mounters	5
Stockbroker	1
Tailors and tailoresses	10
Telegraphists	6
Tie maker	1
Timekeeper	1
Tobacconists	2
Tramway employees	3
Travellers	40
Typefounders	2
Typists & stenographers	16
Underwriter	1
Upholsterers	2
Vellum sewer	1
Victuallers	2
Waiters & waitresses	3
Warehousemen	33
Watchmakers & jewelers	10
Wheelwright	1
Whitesmith	1
Wood carver	1
Not stated	1218
	2942

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Agate, Mr. E. W. (Church Street)	1
Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawksley Road)	2
Alexander, Mr. G. H. (Lordship Road)	65
Anti-Bounty League	7
Barton, Mr. C. (Albion Road)	3
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) ..	15
Board of Trade (Labour Department)	5
Britannia Co., Colchester ..	1
British Museum, Trustees of	2
Bureau of Education, U.S.A.	3
Cambrian Railway Co. ..	1
Canada, High Commissioner for	1
Champness & Co., Messrs. ..	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	1
Coe, Rev. C. C. (Bournemouth)	1
Crisp, Mr. F. A. (Denmark Hill)	1
Crooklands, Mr. J. (Richmond)	2
Darby, Mr. G. R. (Hawksley Road)	1
Davidson, Mr. J. G. (Aden Terrace)	1
Davies, Mr. A. C. (Prodia Road)	2
Dawes, Mr. W. J. (Paget Road)	2
Dougal, Messrs. (Strand) ..	1
Edinburgh University ..	1
Education Department ..	1
Foyer, Mr. A. C. (Clifton) ..	1
Gosling, Mrs. (Albion Road)	2
Great Eastern Railway Co.	18
H.M. Stationery Office ..	34
Hampton, Mr. W. (Farringdon Street)	1
Hawken, Miss E. (Bristol) ..	1
Heath, Mr F. (Lordship Park)	15
Isle of Man Board of Advertising	2
King's College (London) ..	1
Livingstone, Mr. W. J. (Rectory Road)	1
London County Council ..	10
London Directory Co.	1
Longmans, Green & Co., Messrs.	1
Manley, Mr. F. E. (Allerton Road)	1
Meteorological Office	2
Methuen & Co., Messrs. ..	1
Naval Architects, Institution of	27
North Eastern Railway Co...	9
Ontario Government Agency	2
Peck, Mr. W. E. (Birmingham)	1
Prosser, Mr. R. B. (Highgate)	1
Queensland, Agent General for	1
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park)	4
School Board for London ..	6
Script Phonography Co. ..	1
Sheffield, Mr. F. J. (Grayling Road)	12
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. (The Rectory)	33
Skerry, Mr. G. E. (Chancery Lane)	1
Smetham, Mrs. (Lordship Park)	2
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road)	4
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Foulden Road)	1
Stoke Newington Overseers	2
,, ,, Vestry ..	6
Technical Education Board (London)	1
Thornhill, Mrs. (Allerton Road)	18
Thurso Burgh Commissioners	1
Trinity College (London) ..	1
University Correspondence Press (Cambridge)	1

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Jobson, Mr. R.	5	0	Smith, Mr J. T. ..	5	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park). Various prints, documents, cuttings, &c., relating to the history of Stoke Newington.
Uffell, Mr. J. R. (Church Street). Two documents relating to the Stoke Newington and vicinity Armed Association (1798-9).

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawksley Road). Daylight.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P. D.L. (Church Street). Geographical journal, Library, Quarterly journal of the Geological Society, Sussex express.
Bickerton, Mr. W. F. Universal brotherhood.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Mr. C. (High Street). Feathered world.
Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animals' friend, Herald of the golden age, Humanity.
Chambers, Mr. W. G., St Mary, Stoke Newington, Parochial magazine.
Day, Mr. G. (Hawksley Road). National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Elnauft, Mr. G. C. (Narford Road). Earthen vessel.
Eve, Mrs. (Albion Road). Friendly leaves
Frisby, Mr. A (Paddington) Brotherhood.
Graves, Mr G. C. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayes, Mr. W. (Hawksley Road). Catholic times.
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Asian, Country sport, Era, Field, Land and water, and others.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., J.P. British weekly, Guardian, Local government journal, London Diocesan magazine.
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road). Clarion.
Smith, Mr. R. (Dynevor Road) Co-operative news.
Smith, Miss S. (Brooke Road). English churchman.
Social Democratic Federation (Stoke Newington). Justice.
Spencer, Dr. (Albion Road). Lancet.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street). Baily's magazine.

Newspapers and Magazines, as follow, have been presented by their respective Publishers :—

Academic gazette, Admiralty and Horse Guards gazette, Alliance news, Anglo-Russian, Anti-tobacco journal, Art-fashion journal, Autocar, Bakers' times, Building news, Chamber of Commerce journal, Church weekly, Civil Service aspirant, Civil Service competitor, Civilian, Clarke's Examiner, Concord, Cyclist, Daily chronicle, *two copies*, Dalton's weekly advertiser, Drapers' record, East London Church chronicle, Educational review, Educational times, Electrician, English woman, Epicure, Farm field and fireside, Financial news, Financial reformer, Free Russia, Free Sunday advocate, Fun, Hackney and Kingsland gazette, *three copies*, Hackney standard, Homeland, Illustrated journal of patents, Insurance agent, Inventors' review, Journal of state medicine, Journal of the Clerks of Works association, Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute, Labour gazette, Liberator, Literary guide, Local government chronicle, London argus, Londoner general-anzeiger, Madame, Mercury, Musical herald, Musical times, Nature notes, New Church magazine, News of the world, North London guardian, North Middlesex weekly standard, Our own

gazette, Paper makers' circular, Phonetic journal, Plumber and decorator, Presbyterian, Railway review, Son of temperance, State correspondent, Stock and share news, Stoke Newington recorder, *four copies*, Technical education gazette, Tool and machinery register, Tottenham and Stamford Hill times, Travel, University correspondent, University extension journal, Vegetarian, West Ham guardian, Westminster budget, White ribbon, Zoophilist.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, School Board for London, Stoke Newington Vestry.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES AND REPORTS.

London :—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Clapham, Cripplegate Institute, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Hammersmith, Holborn, Newington, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. Bride's Institute, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles Bloomsbury, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Saviour Southwark, Shoreditch, Streatham.

Provincial and foreign :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.) Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bromley, Cambridge University, Cheltenham, Chiswick, Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution) Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hereford, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Leamington, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark, Oxford (Bodleian) Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, Salford, Sheffield, South Shields, Southampton, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below in order to complete their sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27, 39.
Illustrated London news. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Publications. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1856-78.
Quarterly review. Nos. 1—29, 33—7, 40, 42—5, 47—9, 51, 67, 79—80, 119—20, 155—6, 159—60, 178, 199—200, 215, 217—28, 230—1, 233—4, 237—42, 245—50, 252—61, 263—74, 279—81, 290—9, 327—38.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50, 873-80
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1889; 189 , June, July, November, December; 1892-3.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and expenditure by the Commissioners, for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at commencement of the year (including deposits on forms £1)			44 11 4
Rates (1d. in the £):	£ s. d.		
Balance from 1897-8	10 15 0		
On account of 1898-9 ..	900 0 0		
		910 15 0	
Fines and penalties		58 18 4	
Subscriptions		6 0 0	
Sale of readers' tickets		12 17 6	
,, catalogues		13 15 0	
Rent of land		6 0 0	
Advertisements on forms, &c.		15 12 6	
Postcards for retention of books	4 13 4		
Sale of waste paper ..	7 7 4		
Cost of books lost, repaid by borrowers	1 1 0		
Deposits on forms	1 0 0		
		14 1 8	
Total receipts			1038 0 0
			£1082 11 4

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs and furniture ..	51 5 0		
Gas and incandescent mantles ..	55 6 6		
Coal and coke	14 14 9		
Water	6 13 0		
Taxes and insurance	10 13 4		
Cleaning materials, &c.	4 11 1		
		143 3 8	
Books	140 16 7		
Binding	49 9 6		
Newspapers and magazines ..	61 2 0		
Printing catalogue (balance of a/c.)	34 18 0		
		286 6 1	
Salaries and wages		353 11 0	
Printing and stationery	30 0 0		
Audit stamp	4 0 0		
Postages and sundries	16 4 11		
		50 4 11	
Loans: Principal and interest ..		229 11 4	
Miscellaneous expenditure	1 1 0		
Deposits returned	2 0 0		
		3 1 0	
Total expenditure ..		1065 18 0	
Balances:			
In Bank	14 2 4		
In hands of Librarian	2 11 0		
		16 13 4	
		£1082 11 4	

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 27th day of March, 1899.*

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1899, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is One thousand and sixty-five pounds, and eighteen shillings.

As witness my hand this 10th day of August, 1899.

T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II. (Loan Account).

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amounts paid this Year. Principal.			Amounts paid this Year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of Year.		
				Yrs.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site ..	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½%	100 Half-Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	950	8	5	9	6	3	33	3	9	941	2	2
2	Erection of Building	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½%	60 Half-Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	2,320	3	5	61	2	9	80	13	7	2,259	0	8
3	Furnishing	379	do.	10	379	do.	3½%	20 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	186	17	5	39	0	11	6	4	1	147	16	6
	TOTALS	4,000			4,000				3,457	9	3	109	9	11	120	1	5	3,347	19	4

Examined by me and found correct, T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor, 10th day of August, 1899.*

CASH BALANCE, MARCH 25th, 1899.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand as per Financial Statement, Pt. 1	16	13	4	Accounts outstanding	30	0	0
Amount due from Overseers (balance of Rate for 1898-9) ..	8	15	0				
Balance against the Commissioners (accounts outstanding)	4	11	8				
£	30	0	0	£	30	0	0

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 27th day of March, 1899.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The NEWSROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals. The railway time books are also placed in this room.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY and Magazine Room, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Parish; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

The advertisement sheet of the "Daily Chronicle" is posted outside the Library each morning at seven o'clock.

STOKE NEWINGTON

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

LONDON, N.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS.

1899-1900.

London:
Printed by A. T. Roberts, Son & Co., 5, Hackney Road, N.E.
1900.

COMMISSIONERS, 1899-1900,

WITH DATE OF ELECTION.

Rev. Preb. SHELFORD, M.A., J.P., The Rectory, *Chairman*	1890
Mr. WILLIAM EVE, 195, Albion Road, *Deputy Chairman*	1890
,, WYNNE E. BAXTER, J.P., D.L., 170, Church Street	1899
,, JOHN GLASS, 4, Lordship Park	1899
,, ROBERT JOBSON, 101, Lordship Road	1892
,, ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road	1892
,, JOHN J. RUNTZ, J.P., 131, Lordship Road	1890
,, EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park	1890
,, SIDNEY WHITE, LL.D., B.A., 133, Lordship Road ..	1899

COMMITTEES.

Books:—Rev. Preb. Shelford (*Chairman*) Messrs. Baxter, Jobson, Royle, Sage and White.

Finance:—Mr. Jobson (*Chairman*) Messrs. Glass, Runtz and White.

House:—Mr. Eve (*Chairman*) Messrs. Glass, Royle and Sage.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Assistants:

Senior—W. GEO. CHAMBERS; H. TAPLEY SOPER.
Junior—P. J. WATKINSON; ERNEST G. BLISS.

Porter:

CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Bankers:

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited)
High Street.

Stoke Newington Public Library.

Report, Year ended 25th March, 1900.

The Commissioners have much pleasure in presenting their Tenth Annual Report.

During the past year the number of volumes in the Library has been increased to 13,603; 1,075 volumes have been added and 393 withdrawn, the nett increase being 682.

98,155 volumes have been issued, representing a daily average of 376. This, compared with the previous year, is a decrease of 2,693 in the total, and 7 in the daily average.

Borrowers' cards have been issued to 3,120 persons, of which 133 have been cancelled, leaving the total number in force on March 25th, 2,987.

Of these 733 are ratepayers, 2,254 non-ratepaying residents, employees, etc.; 1,453 are females, and 1,534 males. 1,188 reside in the Northern division of the parish, 1,731 in the Southern division, and 68 are non-resident employees or subscribers.

At the annual stock-taking one volume, of the value of 1s. 6d., was unaccounted for. 17 volumes have been lost by borrowers, from whom, or their guarantors, the cost of new copies has been recovered. In one instance proceedings were taken in the Edmonton County Court against a guarantor, who refused to fulfil his guarantee, but the amount claimed, together with the cost of the summons, was paid into court before the hearing of the case.

A desire having been frequently expressed that children under 14 years should be allowed to borrow books from the Lending Library, the Commissioners, in January last, reduced the age limit to 10 years, but stipulated that works of adult fiction would not be issued to borrowers under 14. At the same time a catalogue of the books in the Juvenile Department, which contains 660 volumes, was published for their use.

The number of borrowers already enrolled under this new regulation is 195, and the demand which has been made upon this department proves the wisdom of the step taken by the Commissioners, and points to the need for further development in this branch of the work of the Library.

It is satisfactory to note that the reading of these new borrowers is not wholly confined to "Juvenile" literature, but

that many works of a solid and educational character have been applied for.

The work of the Reference Library continues to be an important one, but it is considerably hampered through the Reference Reading Room being also used as a Magazine Room, and its full value will not be utilised until a quiet room, set apart for study, is provided.

The Reading Rooms fully maintain their popularity, the visitors during the past year having been as numerous as ever. During the first week in March counts were taken at stated periods in the day, and it was found that the average number of readers in the rooms was—at 11 a.m., 74; at 4 p.m., 79; and at 8 p.m., 103.

The Commissioners have had no specially heavy item of expenditure to meet during the past year, and have therefore been able to expend the sum of £148 on the purchase of books, including the replacement of worn-out volumes. Among the more important works added by purchase are:—Romanes' "Mental evolution in man"; Smith's "Dictionary of Christian biography"; Nicholls' "History of the English poor law"; Garnier's "Annals of the British peasantry"; "The statutes," 1235-1880; Preston's "Light"; Preston's "Heat"; Williamson's "Differential and Integral calculus"; Watts' "Electro-deposition"; Leaning's "Quantity surveying"; Fergusson's "History of architecture"; James' "Painters and their works"; Jones' "Grammar of ornament"; Ward's "Historic ornament"; Audsley's "Polychromatic decoration"; Litchfield's "History of furniture"; Day's "Windows"; Allibone's "Dictionary of English literature"; Lowndes' "Bibliographer's manual"; Hall's "Anglo-Saxon dictionary"; Mayhew and Skeat's "Middle-English dictionary"; Brown's "Hebrew lexicon"; Stanford's "Compendium of geography and travel"; Fairbairn's "Family crests"; Habershon's "Records of old London"; Nelson's "History of Islington"; Law's "History of Hampton Court"; "Dictionary of national biography" (continued); Green's "Making of England"; Green's "Conquest of England"; McCarthy's "Modern England"; Hume's "Great Lord Burghley"; Creighton's "Queen Elizabeth"; Mahan's "Life of Nelson"; Oliphant's "Autobiography"; Ruskin's "Præterita"; Hedin's "Through Asia"; Kingsley's "West African studies"; Johnston's "British Central Africa"; Peary's "Northward over the 'Great ice'"; and several recent works on South Africa.

Many donations of importance have been received, the following calling for special mention:—

From Mr. W. H. Savery—"The Encyclopædia Britannica" (*Times* reprint) in handsome revolving case.

From Rev. Preb. Shelford—Murray's "New English dictionary," vols. 1—3; and an interesting M.S. entitled, "Stoke Newington Benefactions and Draft Index to an intended Parish Ledger," made by Geo. Fair (1783) 78 leaves sm. 4to. This contains a List and particulars of benefactions, Extracts from Churchwardens' and Overseers' accounts, Debts due from the parish, Canon for a parish register, Titles of register books, Guide to the assessors, with list of occupiers, and other interesting matter.

Mr. Sage, continuing his donations to the local collection of books, has presented with others, a series of funeral sermons on notable Stoke Newington residents of the past. Among these are sermons on Sir Thomas Abney (1722) Sir John and Lady Hartopp (1711-22) Dr. Sidrach Simson (1704) Dr. Manton (1677) Dr. Gaskin (1829) Dr. Watts (1748) Rev. John Russell (1714) Elizabeth Fleetwood (1728) Hugh Frazer (1717) and Mary Frazer (1716).

A list of donors is appended, to all of whom the Commissioners desire to tender their grateful thanks.

There has been no change in the personnel of the Commission, the retiring Commissioners, Messrs. A. Royle, J. J. Runtz, J.P. and E. J. Sage having been unanimously re-elected by the Vestry at its meeting held on March 20th, 1900.

In accordance with the provisions of the London Government Act, 1899, the Library will be managed, after the 1st November or such other day as may be hereafter appointed, by a Committee appointed by the new Borough Council, and this is the last Report which the present Commissioners will have the pleasure of presenting to the inhabitants of the parish. They therefore deem this a fitting opportunity to briefly review the work which has been accomplished during the past ten years.

The first public step towards adopting the Acts was taken by the Vestry, which at a meeting held on January 17th, 1890, passed a resolution, moved by Mr. William Eve, requesting the Overseers to convene a meeting of the ratepayers for the consideration of the question.

This meeting, which was largely attended, was held on February 5th, Mr. J. J. Runtz occupying the chair, and the following resolution was moved by Mr. Eve, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Smith :—

> "That the Public Libraries Acts, 1855 and 1889, be adopted for the Parish of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, in pursuance of such Acts of Parliament."

This resolution was carried by 299 votes to 8, and no demand for a poll of the Parish was made.

The first Commissioners were appointed at a special meeting of the Vestry, held on March 7th, 1890. Twenty gentlemen were nominated and the voting resulted in the appointment of the Rev. Preb. Shelford, and Messrs. J. Beck, J. C. Collins, W. Eve, T. Greenwood, J. J. Runtz, E. J. Sage, J. Samson, and M. Shaw.

Little time was lost in putting the Acts into operation, a librarian being appointed in August, and a temporary Reading Room and Reference Library opened in the small Assembly Hall, Defoe Road, on October 4th, 1890. A Lending Library was opened in these temporary premises on October 12th, 1891, and although considerably handicapped for want of space, proved very successful.

Negotiations had, meanwhile, been conducted for the purchase of a site for a permanent Library Building, and a plot of land in Church Street was secured from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on the favourable terms of £1,000. Plans for a building, submitted in a limited competition by Messrs. Bridgman and Goss, were adopted, and the premises completed and opened on July 23rd, 1892, the ceremony being performed by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

Loans amounting to £4,000 were raised, £1,000 being for the site, repayable in 100 half-yearly instalments, £2,621 for the building, repayable in 60 half-yearly instalments, and £379 for furniture, repayable in 20 half-yearly instalments, and the balance now owing is £3,234.

After the opening of the new building steady progress was made, but the resources of the Library were not fully known or utilised until the publication of the first printed catalogue in August, 1893, when a new impetus was given to the work of the Institution, which has maintained its popularity up to the present time.

Subscriptions and donations in money have been received amounting to £144, of which £70 has been subscribed by past and present Commissioners, and with this exception, the cost of maintenance and repayment of loans has been met from the proceeds of the penny rate and petty receipts. The donations of books, however, have been numerous and valuable, and without these the Commissioners would have had great difficulty in meeting the demands of readers.

The nucleus of a collection of books and prints relating to the parish and its notable inhabitants has been acquired, principally through the generosity of Mr. E. J. Sage. This is a feature which deserves encouragement, and which, in the future, will be of especial value and importance.

The gradual growth of the Library will be seen by referring to the table appended, which shows that the number of volumes in stock has increased from 4,090 at the opening of the Lending Library to 13,603 at the present time, the issues from 44,045 in the first complete year to 98,155 last year, whilst, with increased accommodation in the Reading Rooms the daily attendance has grown from 311 to 1,050.

The total number of volumes issued since the opening of the Library is 748,297.

Considering that Stoke Newington is one of the smallest of the London parishes, this record is most satisfactory and proves that the Library has become a centre of usefulness, and that the ratepayers as a whole have received full value of the cost of its maintenance.

Although much has been done, much more remains to be accomplished, and it is owing entirely to want of adequate means that many desirable improvements and additional features have been allowed to stand over for the consideration of the future Library authority. To provide for future extensions, however, the Commissioners have arranged to secure additional land at the rear of the present building, having a frontage of 50ft. on Edwards Lane, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners having agreed to accept the low price of £200 for it.

Of the nine original Commissioners appointed in 1890 four have held office continuously until the present time, viz.:—Rev. Preb. Shelford, and Messrs. W. Eve, J. J. Runtz, and E. J. Sage. At an early period in its history the Library lost the services of Mr. J. Beck and Mr. T. Greenwood, the former by death and the latter through pressure of other engagements, the only other loss by death being that of Mr. John Runtz, who held the office of Commissioner for eight months.

Mr. Preece, the present Librarian, was appointed in March, 1893, and the success of the Library is largely due to the zealous and able manner in which he has carried out the duties of this important office.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM EVE, *Deputy Chairman.*

May 3rd, 1900.

LIST OF PAST COMMISSIONERS,

WITH DATE OF OFFICE.

Mr. ACHESON G. BARTLEY, M.A., M.D. ...	1894—6
Mr. JOSEPH BECK (died 1891)	1890—1
Mr. JOHN C. COLLINS	1890—3
Mr. THOMAS GREENWOOD	1890—1
Mr. FRANK E. MANLEY	1896—9
Mr. JOHN RUNTZ (died 1891)	1891
Mr. JOHN SAMSON	1890– 2
Mr. MATTHEW SHAW	1890—9
Mr. JAMES T. SMITH	1892—9

MEMORANDA.

Population of Parish, 1896	33,485
Area of Parish	639 acres
Rateable value, 1900	£228,308
Public Libraries Acts adopted	February 5th, 1890
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened ...	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892

GENERAL SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1890—1900.

Year.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. issued.	Tickets issued and Renewed.	Average Daily Reading Room Attendance.	Amount received from Rate.
					£
1890—1	3,550			311	738
1891—2	5,250	20,142	1,050	342	760
1892—3	8,462	44,045	1,470	800	768
1893—4	9,041	78,192	2,700	850	772
1894—5	9,584	102,628	3,106	1,030	772
1895—6	10,753	102,124	3,208	1,050	791
1896—7	11,457	102,750	3,236	1,050	862
1897—8	12,290	99,413	3,126	1,050	908
1898—9	12,921	100,848	3,090	1,050	910
1899—00	13,603	98,155	3,120	1,050	948
Totals		748,297	24,106		£8,229

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1899—1900.

	1898-9.	1899-00.
Total number of Volumes in stock ...	12,921	13,603
Nett increase ,, ,, ...	631	682
Total number of Volumes issued ... (*Exclusive of Books placed on unenclosed shelves*).	100,848	98,155
Daily average issue	383	376
Average number of times which each Book has been issued	7·8	7·2
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed...	3,090	3,120
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled	148	133
,, ,, ,, in force (*Mem.—Borrowers' Cards are renewed annually*).	2,942	2,987
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	31	30
Percentage of Borrowers to population	8·8	8·9
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about)	1,050	1,050

TABLE showing Classification, Volumes in Stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Class Letter.	Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.				
		Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of Stock.	Nett increase during the year	Lending	Ref'ence	Total	Percentage of issues	Turnover
A	Philosophy and religion	564	243	807	5·9	34	1,122	543	1,665	1·7	2
B	Sociology (politics, law, education,&c)	351	533	884	6·5	89	849	586	1,435	1·4	1·6
C	Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	471	251	722	5·3	23	1,206	869	2,075	2·1	2·9
D	Useful arts (trades,manufactures,&c.)	306	155	461	3·4	27	1,210	882	2,092	2·1	4·5
E	Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	228	121	349	2·6	39	1,138	849	1,987	2	5·7
F	Literature and language (essays, poetry, the drama, &c.)... ...	966	774	1,740	12·8	66	2,817	1,194	4,011	4·2	2·3
G	History, biography, and travel ...	2,168	1,463	3,631	26·7	151	6,357	2,316	8,673	8·8	2·4
H	Miscellaneous(general dictionaries,&c)	444	794	1,238	9·1	93	3,105	1,431	4,536	4·7	3·6
J	Juvenile literature (in all classes)	669	—	669	4·9	72	12,119	—	12,119	12·3	18·1
K	Prose fiction	3,053	49	3,102	22·8	88	59,368	194	59,562	60·7	19·2
	TOTAL	9,220	4,383	13,603	100	682	89,291	*8,864	98,155	100	7·2

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 347; Reference Library, 29; Total, 376.

* Exclusive of books on unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force, March 25th, 1900:—2,987.
Held by Ratepayers, 733;
Other Residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 2,254.
Held by Females, 1453; Males, 1534.

Accountants	24
Actor	1
Actuary	1
Agents and collectors ...	37
Apprentices	11
Architects and surveyors	9
Artificial florist	1
Artists and designers ...	19
Assistants and salesmen	42
Auctioneers	2
Authors and journalists	16
Bakers and confectioners	10
Barman	1
Billiard marker	1
Bookbinders	11
Booksellers	2
Bootmakers	6
Boxmakers	3
Brassfinisher	1
Bricklayers and masons	4
Brokers	3
Brushmaker	1
Builders and contractors	12
Butchers... ...	9
Buyers	2
Cabinet makers	5
Camera tester	1
Carmen	2
Carpenters and joiners	10
Carriage liner	1
Carvers	3
Cashiers	5
Caterer	1
Cellarman	1
Charwoman	1
Chemists...	5
China dealer	1
Civil servants	14
Clerk of works	1
Clerks and bookkeepers	402
Clergymen and ministers	5
Coach builder	1
Coal factor	1
Companions	3
Copyists	3
Corn dealers	3
Cotton merchant ...	1
Dairymen	2
Dentist	1
Diamond mounter ...	1
Domestic servants ...	25
Drapers and clothiers ...	20
Draughtsmen	4
Dressmakers & milliners	53
Dye manufacturer ...	1
Dyers	2
Electricians	9
Electrical instrument maker	1
Electrographer	1
Embroidresses	8
Engineers	17
Engravers	2
Explorer...	1
Fancy goods dealer ...	1
Feather curler	1
Fishmongers	2
Florists	3
French polisher	1
Fruiterers	2
Furriers	4
Gardener...	1
Gas meter maker ...	1
Glass engravers... ...	2

Glass importer	1
Glass manufacturer ...	1
Grocers	7
Gymnastic instructor ...	1
Hairdressers	7
Hatter	1
Herald	1
India rubber worker ...	1
Inventor	1
Ironmongers	3
Labourers	2
Law stationers	2
Leather makers	2
Lecturer	1
Licensed victuallers ...	2
Lithographers	5
Machinists	8
Managers & manageresses	19
Manufacturers	6
Merchants and importers	18
Metal workers	3
Music dealer	1
Musicians	9
Naturalist	1
Naval officer	1
Newsagents & stationers	11
Nurses	2
Office and errand boys ...	9
Oilmen	3
Omnibus employees ...	6
Opticians	6
Organ builders	2
Organists	3
Packers	3
Painters and decorators	11
Paper hanger	1
Paper stainer	1
Park constables	2
Pensioners	2
Photographers	7
Physicians and surgeons	9
Pianoforte makers ...	4
Pianoforte tuner ...	1
Plumbers and gasfitters	4
Police officers	6
Porters	3
Post office employees ...	50
Presser	1
Printers and readers ...	43
Publishers	2
Railway employees ...	3
Registrars	2
Relieving officer... ...	1
Sailor	1
Sanitary officers ...	2
Scholars and students	353
School attendance officer	1
School masters, mistresses and teachers ...	152
Secretaries	7
Seed merchant	1
Sign writer	1
Silver plate worker ...	1
Silversmiths	2
Solicitors...	6
Stockbrokers	3
Storekeepers	2
Surgical instrument makers ...	2
Tailors and cutters ...	13
Tax collectors	2
Tea merchant	1
Telegraph messengers ...	2
Telegraphists	17
Telephone operator ..	1
Tie maker	1
Timber merchants ...	2
Timekeeper	1
Tobacconists	2
Tramway employees ...	2
Travellers	39
Trimming makers ...	3
Typists & stenographers	11
Upholsterers	3
Valveman	1
Waiter and waitress ...	2
Warehousemen	26
Watchmakers & jewellers	5
Wheat salesman ...	1
Wheelwrights	2
Not stated ...	1,149
Total	2,987

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Anonymously 5
Arrowsmith, Mr. J. W. (Bristol) 1
Baker, Miss A. C. (Eade Rd.) 1
Barton, Mr. C. (Albion Road) 2
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 6
Bond, Mr. G. H. (Forburg Rd.) 3
Bonwick, Mr. J. 3
Brazilian Minister 1
Bureau of Education, U.S.A. 2
Burton, Mr. J. F. (Lordship Road) 1
Canada, High Commissioner for 1
City and Guilds of London Institute 1
Coles, Mr. F. (Brooke Road) 8
Crisp, Mr. F. A. (Denmark Hill) 1
Cundall, Mr. J. W. (Essex St.) 1
De Lusignan, Mr. H. (Grazebrook Road) 2
Edinburgh University .. 1
Forsaith, Miss (Lordship Terrace) 8
Glass, Mr. J. (Commissioner) 1
Great Eastern Railway Co. 6
Hampton, Mr. W. (Farringdon Street) 1
Hancock, Mr. T. G. (Lordship Road) 1
Harford, Mr. A. A. (Ickburgh Road) 1
H.M. Stationery Office .. 84
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood) 5
Hunt, Dr. (Paradise Row) .. 2
Hunt, Mr. M... 1
Islington Vestry 1
King's College (London) .. 1
Kingsford, Mrs. (Clapton Common) 11
Knott, Mrs. (Lordship Road) 19
Leigh Brown Trust 1
London County Council .. 6
London Directory Co. 1
London Topographical Society 1
M'Donnell, Dr. (Park Lane) 2
M'Kinney, Mr. S. B. G. .. 1
Macleod, Mr. W. (Gainsboro' Road) 1
Metropolitan Asylums Board 2
Mining Engineers, Institution of 1
Naval Architects, Institution of 21
Ontario Government Agency 1
Palgrave, Sir R. F. D. 1
Parry, Mr. D. H. (Grazebrook Road) 2
Philological Society 1
Portsmouth Public Library Committee 1
Queensland, Agent General for 2
Rae, Mrs. (Sotheby Road) .. 17
Richardson, Mr. H. C. (Park Lane) 24
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Commissioner) 35
Savery, Mr. W. H. (Woodberry Down) 25
School Board for London .. 5
Sheffield, M . F. J. (Grayling Road) 7
Shelford, Rev. Preb. (Commissioner) 16
Skinner, Mr. F. T. (Ayrsome Road) 1
Smith, Mr. J. T. (Foulden Road) 2
South Hornsey District Council.. 3
South London Natural History Society.. 1
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road) 1
Stoke Newington Overseers 2
" " Vestry .. 6
Tasmanian Government Agency 2
Teachers, National Union of 3
Technical Education Board 2
Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. (Allerton Road) 15
Trinity College (London) .. 1
University Correspondence College.. 6
Victorian Government Agency 1
Welch, Mr. C. (Seven Sisters Road) 4
Willoughby, Dr. (Green Lanes) 2

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P., D.L.	2	0	0
Glass, Mr. J.		5	0
Royle, Mr. A.		5	0
Runtz, Mr. J. J., J.P. ..		5	0
Sage, Mr. E. J.		5	0
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A. J.P.		5	0
Smith, Mr. J. T. ..		5	0
White, Mr. S., B.A., LL.D.		5	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P., D.L. Reproduction of Porter's Map of London and Westminster, circa 1660, framed.
Miller, Miss. Framed testimonial presented by the Vestry to the late Mr. C. Miller, 1874.
Spratling, Mr. J. R. Photograph of the Coram dinner party.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. Daylight, Essex telegraph.
Baxter, Mr. W. E., J.P., D.L. Sussex express.
Bishop, Miss. Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Miss. Answers.
Blackmore, Mr. C. Feathered world.
Brace, Mrs. Animals' friend, Herald of the golden age, Humanity.
Chatterton, Mr. F. J. S. Feathered wings.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Eve, Mrs. Friendly leaves.
Frisby, Mr. A. Brotherhood.
Graves, Mr. G. C. Vaccination inquirer.
Hayes, Mr. W. Catholic times.
Jamrach, Mr. W. Asian, Field, Land and water, and others.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M A., J.P. British weekly, Guardian, Local government journal, London Diocesan magazine, St. Mary's Parochial magazine.
Smith, Miss S. English churchman, Protestant echo.
Social Democratic Federation, Stoke Newington. Justice.
Spencer, Dr. Lancet.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. Yorkshire weekly post.
Webb, Mr. G. Baily's magazine.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, School Board for London, Stoke Newington Vestry.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES AND REPORTS.

London :—Battersea, Bermondsey, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Christ Church-Southwark, Clapham, Cripplegate Institute, Clerkenwell, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Holborn, Penge, Rotherhithe, St. Bride's Institute, St. George-Hanover Square, St. George-the-Martyr-Southwark, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Saviour-Southwark, Shoreditch, Streatham, Westminster, Whitechapel.

Provincial and foreign:—Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.) Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bromley, Buxton, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chiswick, Croydon, Derby, Ealing, East Ham, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution) Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hove, Kilburn, Leamington, Leeds, Leyton, Lincoln, Longton, Middlesbrough, Millom, Newark, Newcastle, Oxford (Bodleian) Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, Salford, South Shields, Southampton, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Watford, West Ham, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern.

DESIDERATA.

The Commissioners will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete their sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Engineer. v. 80, 1895.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27, 39.
Illustrated London news. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Magazine of art. 1883-4.
Nineteenth century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1856-78.
Quarterly review. Nos. 1—29, 33—37, 40, 42—4, 79—80, 119—20, 155, 159—60, 199—200, 215, 217—28, 230—1, 233—4, 237—42, 245—50, 252—61, 263—74, 279—81, 290—9, 327—38.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50, 1873—80
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1889; 1891, (June, July, November, December); 1892-3
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the Publishers. † Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Echo
Evening news
Evening standard
*Financial news
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning herald
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
St. James's gazette
Standard
Star
Sun
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY

*Admiralty and Horse Guards gazette
*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
†Answers
Architect
†Asian
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Bakers' times
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
†British weekly
Builder
*Building news
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
Christian world
Church times
*Church weekly
City press (bi-weekly)
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
*Cyclist
*Dalton's advertiser
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
Electrician
*Empire
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
†Essex telegraph
Exchange and mart (Friday Ed.)
†Feathered wings
†Feathered world
†Field
*Fun
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
†Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney standard
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Jewish chronicle
†Justice
Lady's pictorial
†Lancet
†Land and water
Literary world
*Local government chronicle
†Local government journal
*London American
*London argus
Londoner general-anzieger
*Madame
*Mercury
Moonshine
Municipal journal
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
*North Middlesex standard
Notes and queries
*Phonetic journal
*Presbyterian
Punch
Queen
*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster

Schoolmistress
*Servants' advertiser
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
Stage
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
†Thier-borse
*Tottenham and Stamford Hill times
Truth
*University correspondent
Vanity Fair
*Vegetarian
*West Ham guardian
Westminster budget
Work
World
†Yorkshire post

MONTHLY.

*Anglo Russian
Animal world
*Animals
†Animals' friend
*Art fashion journal
†Baily's magazine
Bookman
Bookseller
Boys' own paper
†Brotherhood
Cassell's magazine
Century
*Chamber of commerce journal
Chambers's journal
*Concord
Contemporary review
†Diocesan magazine
*Educational review
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
Fortnightly review
*Free Russia
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
*Furnisher
†Geographical journal
Girls' own paper
Good words
Harper's magazine
†Herald of peace
†Herald of the golden age
†Humanity
*Insurance agent
*Insurance spectator (bi-monthly)
*Inventors' review
*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
*Labour co-partnership
*Labour gazette
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
Macmillan's magazine
Magazine of art
*Musical herald
*Musical times
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
*Nature notes
*New church magazine
Nineteenth century
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Phonographic journal
*Plumber and decorator
†Protestant echo (bi-monthly)
Review of reviews
†St. Mary's parochial magazine
†Son of Temperance
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Technical education gazette
*Tool and machinery register
*Travel
†Vaccination inquirer
*White ribbon
Windsor magazine
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY

*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
Home counties magazine
†Journal of the Geological Society
Quarterly review

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Receipts and expenditure by the Commissioners, for the year ended the 25th day of March, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at commencement of the year			16 13 4
Rates (1d. in the £):	£ s. d.		
Balance from 1898-9	8 15 0		
On account of 1899-00	940 0 0		
		948 15 0	
Fines and penalties		57 16 0	
Donations and subscriptions		11 10 0	
Sale of readers' tickets		13 0 0	
,, general catalogues	9 15 0		
,, juvenile ,,	1 1 8		
		10 16 8	
Rent of land		6 0 0	
Advertisements on forms, &c.		14 2 6	
Postcards for reserving books	4 5 10		
Sale of waste paper ..	7 17 10		
Cost of books lost, repaid by borrowers & guarantor	2 9 3		
Deposits on forms	2 10 0		
		17 2 11	
Total receipts			1079 3 1
			£1095 16 5

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Building, repairs and furniture ..	20 1 7		
Gas and incandescent mantles ..	55 14 7		
Coal and coke	21 1 9		
Water	6 13 0		
Taxes and insurance	10 13 4		
Cleaning materials, &c.	7 5 1		
		121 9 4	
Books	148 4 5		
Binding	58 13 5		
Newspapers and magazines ..	65 4 1		
Printing juvenile catalogue ..	7 15 0		
		279 16 11	
Salaries and wages		383 9 4	
Printing and stationery	31 18 5		
Audit stamp	4 0 0		
Postages and sundries	15 19 7		
		51 18 0	
Loans: Principal and interest ..		229 11 4	
Miscellaneous expenditure	3 18 6		
Deposits returned	1 10 0		
		5 8 6	
Total expenditure ..		1071 13 5	
Balances:			
In Bank	20 5 3		
In hands of Librarian	3 17 9		
		24 3 0	
		£1095 16 5	

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 26th day of March, 1900.*

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1900, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is One thousand and seventy-one pounds, thirteen shillings and five pence.

As witness my hand this 21st day of June, 1900.

REGINALD B. FELLOWS, *Assistant District Auditor.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II. (Loan Account).

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amounts paid this Year. Principal.			Amounts paid this Year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of Year.		
				Yrs.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site ..	1,000	7 May 891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½%	100 Half-Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	941	2	2	9	12	10	32	17	2	931	9	4
2	Erection of Building	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½%	60 Half-Yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	2,259	0	8	63	5	11	78	10	5	2,195	14	9
3	Furnishing	379	do.	10	379	do.	3½%	20 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	147	16	6	40	8	6	4	16	6	107	8	0
	TOTALS	4,000			4,000				3,347	19	4	113	7	3	116	4	1	3,234	12	1

Examined by me and found correct, REGINALD B. FELLOWS, *Assistant District Auditor, 21st day of June, 1900.*

CASH BALANCE, MARCH 25th, 1900.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand as per Financial Statement, Pt. 1	24	3	0	Accounts outstanding	14	10	0
				Balance in favour of the Commissioners	9	13	0
£	24	3	0	£	24	3	0

GEORGE PREECE, *Clerk, 26th day of March, 1900.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The NEWSROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals. The railway time books are also placed in this room.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY and Magazine Room, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Parish; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

The advertisement sheet of the "Daily Chronicle" is posted outside the Library each morning at seven o'clock.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

OF

STOKE NEWINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1901-2.

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Printed by A. T. ROBERTS, SON & CO., LTD., 5, Hackney Road, N.E.
1902.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1901-2.

‡ THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM EVE, J.P.) *Ex-officio*

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‡ ,, ALFRED ROYLE, 123, Bethune Road
† ,, EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park
† ,, JOSEPH SHAYLOR, 52, Gloucester Road

† Books Sub-Committee ; * Finance Sub-Committee ; ‡ House Sub-Committee.

Librarian and Clerk:
GEORGE PREECE.

Sub-Librarian:
H. TAPLEY SOPER.

Assistants:
Senior—BERTIE J. HARPER.
C. F. BLACKMORE ; G. F. ROWLEY ; A. E. TALBOT ; H. G BASS.

Porter:
CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Report, Year ended March 31*st*, 1902.

The Public Libraries Committee begs to present the Twelfth Annual Report of the Libraries for the year ended March 31st, 1902.

At the commencement of the year, the stock of books in the Church Street Library numbered 14,834 volumes, and in the Milton Road Library 4,656. On the closing of the Milton Road Library, as reported last year, the contents were transferred to Church Street, and of the volumes so transferred, 3,016 have been incorporated with the Church Street stock, 55 being utilized to replace copies withdrawn, and 1,640 (principally duplicates) were reserved for further consideration.

The stock of the Library is now as follows :—

Number of volumes in stock (Church Street), March, 1901	14,834	
Number of volumes transferred from Milton Road	3,016	
Number of volumes added by purchase and gift	1,838	
		19,688
Number of volumes withdrawn, as worn out, etc.		305
Number of volumes now in circulation		19,383

127,773 volumes have been issued during the year, representing a daily average of 482. This is an increase of 11,488 over the combined issues of the two libraries during the previous year, and of 41 in the daily average. The issues for Stoke Newington alone, during the last complete year before the amalgamation of the two districts, was 98,155, so that the increased issue, principally owing to the addition of South Hornsey borrowers, is 29,618 volumes.

The largest issue on one day was 935 volumes.

4,121 borrowers' cards have been issued, of which 201 have been cancelled, leaving the total number in force on March 31st, 3,920. Of these 893 are ratepayers, 3,027 non-ratepaying residents, non-resident employees, etc. 2,017 are females and 1,903 males. 666 reside in South Hornsey Ward, 3,173 in other Wards of the Borough, and 81 are non-resident employees and subscribers. The number of tickets held by borrowers under the age of 14 is 280.

Considerable additions have been made to the Reference Library, and the Committee is glad to notice an increase in the number of readers in that Department.

The Reading Rooms also show signs of an increased attendance, and during the past winter, have been more crowded than ever. It is a common occurrence to count 130 to 140 readers present at one time, and on one occasion the number noted was 154.

At the last annual stocktaking, one volume was unaccounted for. 287 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation, being worn out or in a dirty condition. 15 have been lost or damaged by borrowers, from whom the cost of new copies has been recovered, and 3 have been lost through borrowers and their guarantors leaving the Borough.

In December last a Second Supplement to the General Catalogue was published, containing the titles of the newly added works, and of a selection of those transferred from Milton Road, amounting to over 3,500 volumes. Of this Supplement 467 copies have been sold.

Upon closing the Milton Road Library the question of providing a Branch Library for the South Hornsey Ward was considered, and it was decided that, having regard to the limited funds at the disposal of the Borough for Library purposes, it would be much more in the interest of the ratepayers to extend the usefulness of the existing Library, than to establish a Branch at present, especially as the existing Library is in the centre of the Borough, and within reasonable distance from all parts.

As a result of this decision it became manifest that the accommodation of the Library must be considerably increased to cope with the additional work, and steps were at once taken to prepare plans for the enlargement of the building.

Draft plans prepared by Mr. S. G. Goss, the architect of the present building, were submitted to the Council, showing the following accommodation :—

(1) A Reading Room, covering the space now covered by the Lending Library, Reference Library, and Librarian's Office, measuring 2,352 sq. ft., as compared with the area of the present Reading Room, of 1,650 ft.

(2) A Lending Library covering the present Reading Room, and about 10 ft. in width of proposed new site. This would measure 2,200 sq. ft. as compared with the present area of 1,176 ft.

(3) A Reference Library, with Lobby for Directories, etc., measuring 1,200 sq. ft. as against the present area of 770 ft. Librarian's Office 150 sq. ft., and Children's Reading Room 420 sq. ft., all of these being on the proposed new site.

(4) A Lecture Hall, 1,600 sq. ft., and Committee Room, 320 sq. ft., also on proposed new site.

The proposed Reading Room will accommodate 100 seats and 58 papers on stands ; the Reference Library (excluding Directory Lobby) 48 seats, making a total of 206. The present accommodation is for 96 seats and 32 papers on stands, making a total of 128.

The Children's Room, which the Committee considers a very necessary addition, will provide for about 50 seats.

The book storage space provides (without galleries) for nearly 40,000 volumes, as compared with 17,000 at present.

The Lecture Hall will accommodate about 300 persons independently of the platform, which, it is proposed, shall be utilized as a Committee Room when so required.

The estimated cost of the new buildings is £3,000, of the furniture £300, and the agreed price of the land, £200, total, £3,500.

The question is now in abeyance pending the result of negotiations between the Council and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, respecting the proposed purchase of a further portion of the vacant land in Edward's Lane, adjoining the site of the Library.

To make temporary provision for the convenience of borrowers from the Lending Library, the counter space has been considerably increased, but this has necessarily reduced the space for book storage, and the work of the Library is now being carried on under considerable difficulty.

The increased income from the Library rate has enabled the Committee to allocate a much larger sum for the purchase of books, than it has been possible to do in past years, and, while meeting all reasonable demands for books on current topics, the claims of the Reference Library have not been neglected. Many important works have been added to this department, among which the following may be noted :—

"Encyclopædia Biblica" ; Erdmann's "History of Philosophy" ; Frazer's "Golden Bough" ; Julian's "Dictionary of Hymnology" ; Palgrave's "Dictionary of Political Economy" ; Sowerby's "English Botany" ; Ray Society's Publications ; Palæontographical Society's Publications ; "Cambridge Natural History" ; Sturgis' "Dictionary of Architecture" ; Phillips' "Metallurgy" ; Blakston's "Canaries and Cage Birds" ; Gray's "Anatomy" ; "Century Book of Gardening" ; Gotch's "Early Renaissance Architecture" ; Bryan's "Dictionary of Painters" ; Perrot and Chipiez "History of Ancient Art" ; "Encyclopædia of Sport" ; Fincham's "Artists and Engravers of Book Plates" ; Litchfield's "Pottery and Porcelain" ; Westoby's "Postage Stamps of Europe" ; Wright's "English Dialect Dictionary" ; Baretti's "Italian Dictionary" ; Neumann and Baretti's "Spanish Dictionary" ; Milton's "Poetical Works" ed. by Masson ; Evans' "Ancient Bronze Implements" and "Ancient Stone Implements" ; Freeman's "Reign of William Rufus" ; Masson's "Life of Milton" ; "Dictionary of National Biography" (supplement) ; Crabb Robinson's "Diary" ; Hook's "Lives of the Archbishops" ; "Century Cyclopedia of Names" ; Bardsley's "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames" ; Murray's English Guides ; Sexby's "Municipal Parks of London" ; White's "Sweet Hampstead."

The sum expended in the purchase of new books, and in the replacement of worn-out volumes, amounted to £310 18s. 4d., and in binding, £84 7s. 11d.

Several important donations have been received, and to the following donors the Committee passed special votes of thanks :—Mr. P. Birkett, Mr. E. J. Sage, Mr. J. Shaylor, Rev. Preb. Shelford, Councillor Savery, Mr. C. Welch, and "A Parishioner."

Mr. Councillor Savery's donation, including Crocker's "Electric Lighting," Wordingham's "Central Electrical Stations," and Sheldon and Mason's "Dynamo-electric Machinery" is specially important, in view of the recent development of electric lighting in the district.

Mr. Sage has presented an interesting portrait of Christian Barbauld (believed to be the grandfather of Mrs. A. L. Barbauld's husband). The portrait was formerly in the possession of Mrs. Barbauld (who resided in the house in Church Street, now numbered 113) and was removed from the house after her death in 1825.

Mr. Birkett presented an interesting MS. entitled "Reference to the Map of the Prebendal Manor of Stoke Newington, made from an actual Survey in 1813, by James Wadmore" (sm. 4to., pp. 96). This contains a list of leaseholders, copyholders and occupiers, with particulars of each holding, and full references and index, and is a very interesting document, affording considerable information respecting the village of Stoke Newington, when its residents included John Aikin, Mrs. Barbauld, Benjamin D'Israeli (1730-1816) and the Rev. John Bransby, Poe's schoolmaster.

Other local books, views, &c., have been presented by Mrs. J. Brooks, Messrs. D. K. Foster, D. Hipwell, A. Phillips, J. R. Spratling, and Councillor Winckworth. A full list of donors is appended, to all of whom the Committee again desires to tender its grateful thanks.

The rules and regulations of the Library have been carefully revised, and special attention has been given to the question of preventing the spread of infectious disease by means of Library books. At the commencement of the present outbreak of small-pox, many borrowers ceased to use the Library through fear of infection, and a notice was issued stating the special precautions which are taken. This appears to have allayed the fears of borrowers, and to have satisfied all except the very timid.

The question of allowing readers to have access to the book shelves in the Lending and Reference Libraries was brought before the Committee by means of a memorial signed by 39 residents in the Borough. This was duly considered and the Committee decided that it was not desirable to adopt the system of "open access" at this Library.

A board has been fixed outside the Council Offices in Milton Road, on which the advertisement sheets of the "Daily

Chronicle" and "Daily Telegraph" are exhibited each morning at 7 o'clock, and these have been used by a large number of persons daily.

The Public Libraries Act, 1901, was passed during the last session of Parliament, and this extends to London the provisions of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, empowering Metropolitan Borough Councils to provide and maintain Museums and Gymnasiums, and to levy a rate not exceeding a halfpenny in the £ for each Institution.

In November, 1901, the Committee was constituted as in the previous year, the Ex-Mayor, Councillor Runtz, becoming an elected member, and Alderman Eve (the Mayor) an ex-officio member. The Committee re-appointed the Rev. Preb. Shelford as Chairman, and elected Alderman Johnston as Vice-Chairman.

At the close of the year, the Committee received with regret, the resignation of Councillor Hutton, who has left the district, and the vacancy caused thereby, has not yet been filled.

In consequence of the closing of the Milton Road Library, and the decision not to establish a Branch, the Committee had no suitable post to offer Mr. Gunthorpe, the Librarian, and they regretfully found themselves compelled to terminate his engagement in September last. Mr. Gunthorpe's claim for compensation was left for the consideration of the Council.

By the foregoing figures it will be seen that the staff has had an exceptionally busy year. The larger issue has increased the whole of the detail work of the Library, and in addition, the large number of 4,854 volumes have been stocked, catalogued, and prepared for circulation. In attaining this end, every member of the staff has willingly and efficiently performed his due share of the labour, and contributed to the successful working of the Institution.

The Committee desires to express its appreciation of the great zeal, ability and pains which have been displayed in this matter, by the Librarian and his Assistants.

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

A. JOHNSTON, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 12th, 1902.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough	51,247
Area	863 acres
Rateable value, 1901	£341,775
Public Libraries Acts adopted—Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
,, ,, ,, ,, —South Hornsey	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
Milton Road Library closed	April 17th, 1901
Total number of Volumes in stock	19,383
(Exclusive of 1640 duplicates, &c., reserved for further consideration).	
Increase	1,588
Total number of Volumes issued	127,773
(Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	
Daily average issue	482
Average number of times which each book has been issued	6·6
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed ...	4,121
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled	201
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force	3,920
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	32
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about) ...	1,200

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.				* Volumes Issued.				
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.	Turn-over.
Philosophy and religion	898	413	1,311	6·8	1,344	823	2,167	1·7	1·6
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	518	741	1,259	6·5	971	682	1,653	1·3	1·3
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	646	428	1,074	5·5	1,606	987	2,593	2·0	2·4
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	411	217	628	3·2	1,530	1,084	2,614	2·0	4·1
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	385	183	568	3·0	1,761	779	2,540	2·0	4·5
Literature and language	1,259	1,021	2,280	11·8	3,145	1,699	4,844	3·8	2·1
History, biography, and travel ...	3,141	2,208	5,349	27·6	6,452	2,349	8,801	6·9	1·6
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c)	530	924	1,454	7·5	3,207	1,580	4,787	3·8	3·3
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ...	1,170	—	1,170	6·0	19,333	—	19,333	15·1	16·5
Prose fiction	4,227	63	4,290	22·1	78,276	165	78,441	61·4	18·3
TOTAL	13,185	6,198	19,383	100·0	117,625	10,148	127,773	100	6·6

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 450; Reference Library, 32; Total, 482.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of Tickets in force, March :—3,920.
Held by Ratepayers, 893;
Other residents, &c., not Ratepayers, 3,027.
Held by Females, 2,017; Males, 1,903.

Accountants	30
Actor	1
Advertising contractors	2
Agents and collectors ...	38
Apprentices	12
Architects and surveyors	10
Artists and draughtsmen	19
Assistants and salesmen	71
Auctioneers and estate agents	5
Authors and journalists	18
Bakers and confectioners	10
Bank note examiner ...	1
Barristers	2
Beader and chenille worker	1
Bill distributor	1
Bookbinders and folders	7
Bootmakers	11
Boxmaker	1
Brassfinishers	2
Brokers	2
Brushmakers	3
Builders, contractors and decorators	15
Butchers...	7
Buyers	2
Cabinet makers	7
Card maker	1
Carpenters and joiners	20
Caretakers	4
Cashiers	12
Carrier	1
Caterer	1
Cellarmen	2
Cheesemongers	3
Chemists...	7
China dealer	1
Civil servants	57
Clergymen and ministers	10
Clerks and bookkeepers	494
Coachman	1
Coach builders and painters	3
Cooks	5
Cutters	5
Dairymen	3
Dandy roll maker ...	1
Deaconess	1
Dealer	1
Dental mechanics ...	2
Designers	4
Diamond setters ...	3
Domestic servants ...	25
Drapers and clothiers ...	9
Dressmakers & milliners	60
Electricians	14
Embroiderers	3
Engineers	26
Engravers	3
Etcher	1
Feather worker	1
Finisher	1
Fishmongers	2
Florists	5
Foreign correspondents	2
French polishers ...	3
Fruiterer	1
Furriers	3
Gardeners	3
Gasfitter	1
Glass beveller	1
Glass manufacturer ...	1
Gold and silversmiths ...	8
Grocers	11
Gymnastic teachers ...	2
Hairdressers	7
Hat & cap manufacturers	2
Harness makers... ...	2
Horse hair dresser ...	1
Hosiers	3
House furnishers ...	3
Inventor	1

Ironmongers	3
Labourers	2
Laundrymen	2
Law writer	1
Leather workers ...	4
Lecturers	2
Librarian	1
Licensed victuallers ...	5
Lift attendant	1
Lithographers	3
Linotype expert... ...	1
Machinists	20
Managers & manageresses	23
Manufacturers	12
Masons	2
Master mariner	1
Matron	1
Merchants and importers	34
Messengers	7
Metal workers	2
Mill furnisher	1
Milk specialist	1
Municipal officers ...	6
Musical instrument maker	1
Musicians	14
Naturalist	1
Needlewomen	8
Newsagents, stationers, and booksellers ...	13
Nurses	5
Office and errand boys ...	9
Oilmen	2
Omnibus employees ...	4
Optician	1
Organ builders	6
Organists	4
Overmantel maker ...	1
Packers	7
Painters and plumbers	8
Paper stainer	1
Pawnbroker	1
Pensioners	14
Photographers	9
Physicians and surgeons	12
Pianoforte makers & tuners	6
Picture frame maker ...	1
Plush cutter	1
Plasterer	1
Police officers	10
Polisher	1
Post office employees ...	61
Printers and readers ...	32
Probate registrar ...	1
Publishers	3
Railway employees ...	5
Registrar	1
Rubber worker	1
Sanitary officers ...	2
Scholars and students	540
School attendance officer	1
School masters, and mistresses	192
Scientific instrument makers	3
Secretaries	15
Shirt cutter	1
Sign writers	3
Smocker	1
Solicitors...	8
Stockbrokers	5
Stock-keepers	2
Steward	1
Stonemason	1
Surveyor...	1
Tailors and tailoresses ...	13
Tallow melter	1
Tea broker	1
Theatre attendant ...	1
Tie makers and cutters...	2
Time keepers	2
Telephone operators ...	2
Tinman	1
Tobacconists	2
Tramway employees ...	4
Travellers	45
Trimming makers ...	4
Typists & stenographers	18
Undergraduates	4
Upholsterers	4
Valveman	1
Vellum sewer	1
Vocalists...	2
Waitresses	2
Wardrobe dealer ...	1
Warehousemen	35
Watchman	1
Wireman	1
Wood carver	1
Not stated ...	1,490
Total	3,920

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Anonymously 2
Baddeley, Mr. J. J. (Woodberry Down) 1
Battalion, Mr. F. L. (Paternoster Square) 1
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 6
Brewster, Miss M. A... .. 1
British Museum, Trustees of the 3
Bunnin, Mr. T. (Chailey Street) 4
Bureau of Education, U.S.A. 2
'Burgher' 2
Caird, Mrs. M. (Creetown) .. 1
City and Guilds of London Institute 1
Collingwood's Directory Co... 1
Cruse, Mr. J. (Nevill Road) .. 1
Currer, Mr. W. M. (Listria Park) 5
Dermer, Mr. T. (Gloucester Road) 14
Derry, Mr. E. 1
Edinburgh University .. 1
Eve, Alderman (The Mayor).. 1
Gale and Polden, Messrs. (Amen Corner) 2
Gamble, Mr. J. H. (Poet's Road) 6
Gowing, Mrs. A. (Kensington) 1
Great Eastern Railway Co. 1
Hackney Band of Hope Union 1
Hall, Mrs. (St. Kilda's Road) 6
Hancock, Mr. T. G. (Lordship Road) 4
Hills, Miss E. A. (Albion Road) 1
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood Terrace) 10
Hogg, Mr. J. (St. Kilda's Road) 1
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road) 1
Jersey Chamber of Commerce 2
King's College (London) .. 1
Knott, Mrs. (Lordship Road) 9
London, Corporation of the City of 1
London County Council .. 14
Luke, Mr. P. V. (Oxford St.) 9
Lusignan, H. G. de (Grazebrook Road).. 4
Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. (Gloucester Road) 1
Metropolitan Asylums Board 3
Mond, Mrs. F. (Avenue Road) 3
Naval Architects, Institution of 19
New South Wales, Agent General for 1
Nisbet & Co., Messrs. .. 1
'Parishioner, A' 40
Philpott, Mr. J. (Digby Road) 13
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park) 2
Savery, Councillor (Woodberry Down) 5
School Board for London .. 6
Shaylor, Mr. J. (Gloucester Road) 53
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., R.D. (The Rectory) 23
Smith, Mr. H. H. 1
South African Distress Fund 1
Stephens, Mrs. (St. Paul's Road) 2
Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. (Allerton Road) 12
Trinity College (London) .. 1
University Tutorial Press .. 1
Walker, Mr. E. O. 1
Welch, Mr. C., F.S.A. (Seven Sisters Road) 7
Winckworth, Councillor (Alexandra Road) 2
Woodgate, Mr. W. (Warwick Road) 1
Wright, Mr. T. (Olney) .. 1
Yate, Major 1

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L.	2	2	0
Blower, Councillor ..	0	2	6
Johnston, Alderman ..	0	2	6
Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. ..	0	2	6
Manley, Mr. F. E. ..	0	2	6
Royle, Mr. A.	0	2	6
Runtz, Councillor, J.P.	0	2	6
Sage, Mr. E. J.	0	2	6
Savery, Councillor ..	0	2	6
Shaylor, Mr. J.	0	2	6
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., R.D.	0	2	6
White, Alderman, LL.D. B.A.	0	2	6
Winckworth, Councillor	0	2	6
Young, Councillor ..	0	2	6
Wells, Mrs.	0	5	0

PICTURES, PRINTS, &c.

Birkett, Mr. P. (Lincoln's Inn Fields). Reference to the Map of the Prebendal Manor of Stoke Newington, by James Wadmore, 1813. (MS.)

Brooks, Mrs. J. (Park Lane). Framed drawing of St. Columba's Church, Haggerston (interior) by J. Brooks ; Design for St. Mary's Church, Hornsey ; and, Design for St. Peter's Church, Hornsey, by J. Brooks ; Portrait of Mr. James Brooks, F.R.I.B.A.

Foster, Mr. D. K. (Church Street). Coloured Prints of Hornsey Wood House, and The Sluice House.

Phillips, Mr. A. (Ferntower Road). Coloured print of St. Mary, Islington Volunteer, 1790.

Sage, Mr. E. J. Framed portrait of Christian Barbauld.

Shaylor, Mr. J. View of London, Westminster and Southwark as they appeared in 1543, from a drawing by A. V. den Wyngaerde; Framed facsimile of Queen Victoria's letter to the nation on the death of the Duke of Clarence, with border designed by Poynter (artist's proof) ; Framed portrait of W. G. Grace.

Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road). Photo of the Mayor's Chain and Badge ; Parcel of local programmes, etc.

Stephens and Mackintosh, Messrs. (Leicester). - Street map of Stoke Newington.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph.

Allison, Mrs. (Turnham Green). Christian science journal, Christian science sentinel.

Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. Sussex express.

Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.

Blackmore, Miss (High Street). Answers.

Blackmore, Mr. C. (High Street). Feathered world.

Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animals' friend, Herald of the golden age, Humanity.

Clarkson, Mr. H. (Albion Road). Church bells, St. Matthias Parish magazine.

Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.

Emsley, Mr. J. (High Street). West Hackney Parish magazine.

Eve, Mrs. (The Mayoress). Friendly leaves.

Frisby, Mr. A. (Paddington). Brotherhood.

Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English Churchman.

Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.

Hayes, Mr. W. (Hawksley Road). Catholic times.

Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Asian, Field, and others.

Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. St. John the Evangelist Parish magazine.

Roberts, Mr. J. E. (Church Road). Musicians' report and journal.

Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., R.D. British weekly, Guardian, London Diocesan magazine, St. Mary's Parochial magazine.

Social Democratic Federation. Justice.

Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.

Stuart, Mr. A. (Carysfort Road). Children's garden.

Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. (Allerton Road). Yorkshire weekly post.

Webb, Mr. G. (Church Street). Baily's magazine.

Williams, Mr. J. R. British journal of photography, Photographic news, Invention, Journal of the Society of arts, Magic lantern journal, Scientific American.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, School Board for London, Stoke Newington Borough Council, Parliamentary Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, &c.

London :—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, Holborn, St. Bride's Institute, Shoreditch, Stepney (St. George and Whitechapel) Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign :—Acton, Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Chiswick, Cleveland, U.S.A., Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution) Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Kilburn, Leamington, Leeds, Leyton, Longton, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark, Newcastle, Oxford (Bodleian) Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, Salford, South Shields, Southampton, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Willesden Green, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Engineer. v. 80, 1895.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27, 39.
Illustrated London news. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly review. Nos. 1—29, 33—37, 40, 42—7, 79—80, 119—20, 155, 159—60, 199—200, 215, 217—28, 230—1, 233—4, 237—42, 245—50, 252—61, 263—74, 279—81, 290—9, 327—38.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50, 1873—80.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1889; 1891 (June, July, November, December); 1892-3,
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the Publishers. † Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily express
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Echo
Evening news
Evening standard
*Financial news
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
St. James's gazette
Standard
Star
Sun
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
†Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
†Answers
Architect
†Asian
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Bakers' times
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
†British journal of photography
†British weekly
Builder
*Building news
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
†Christian science sentinel
Christian world
†Church bells
Church times
*Church weekly
City press (bi-weekly)
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
†Co-operative news
*Councillor and guardian
*County gentleman
*Cyclist
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
*Electrical investments
Electrician
*Empire
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
†Essex telegraph
Exchange and mart (Friday Ed.)
†Feathered world
†Field
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
†Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney mercury
*Hackney standard
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
†Invention
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
†Journal of the Society of arts
†Justice
Lady's pictorial
Literary world
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*London argus
Londoner general-anzieger
Moonshine
Municipal journal
Nature
Navy and army illustrated
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
*North Middlesex standard
Notes and queries
*Patents
*Phonetic journal
†Photographic news
*Poor law officers' journal
*Public health engineer
Punch

Queen
*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
†Scientific American
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
Stage
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
*Tottenham and Stamford Hill times
Truth
Vanity Fair
*Vegetarian
*West Ham guardian
Westminster budget
Work
World
†Yorkshire post

MONTHLY.

*Anglo Russian
Animal world
†Animals' friend
†Baily's magazine
Bookman
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
†Brotherhood
Cassell's magazine
Century
*Chamber of commerce journal
Chambers's journal
†Children's garden
†Christian science journal
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
†Diocesan magazine
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Food and cookery
Fortnightly review
*Free Russia
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
Good words
Harper's magazine
†Herald of peace
†Herald of the golden age
†Humanity
*Insurance agent
*Insurance spectator
*Inventors' review
*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
*Labour co-partnership
*Labour gazette
*Ladies' league gazette
*Liberator
*Liberty review
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
*London, seaside and country
Macmillan's magazine
Magazine of art
†Magic lantern journal
Monthly review
*Musical herald
*Musical times
†Musicians' report and journal
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
*Nature notes
*New church magazine
Nineteenth century and after
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
†Photographic journal
*Plumber and decorator
†Protestant woman
†Quadrant magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. John the Evangelist parish magazine
†St. Mary's parochial magazine
†St. Matthias parish magazine
*Sales and wants
*Script phonographic journal
*Smithfield illustrated monthly
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Tailor and cutter
*Technical education gazette
†Temperance times
*Tool and machinery register
*Travel
*Tuberculosis
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
†West Hackney parish magazine
†White ribbon
Windsor magazine
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*East London church chronicle
*Anti-slavery reporter
Edinburgh review
Home counties magazine
Journal of the Geological Society
Quarterly review

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The READING ROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals. The railway time books are also placed in this room.

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The REFERENCE LIBRARY and Magazine Room, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

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OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The advertisement sheets of the 'Daily Chronicle' are posted outside the Library, and of the 'Daily Chronicle' and 'Daily Telegraph' outside the Council Offices in Milton Road, each morning at seven o'clock.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART 1.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended March 31st, 1902.
[Subject to Government Audit].

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rates—1d. in the £				1424	0	0
Fines and penalties	61	3	5			
Donations and subscriptions	9	9	6			
Sale of Borrowers' tickets	16	6	2			
,, Catalogues	18	4	1			
Rent of Land..	3	0	0			
Advertisements in catalogues, etc. ..	18	10	0			
Borrowers' deposits	3	0	0			
Reserve postcards, waste paper, etc. ..	13	14	8			
				143	7	10
				£1567	7	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accounts outstanding March 31st, 1901 ..	31	8	7			
Less balance in hand at that date as per published statement (including borrowers' deposits £2)	22	15	10½	8	12	8½
Repairs and furniture				92	9	8
Gas and incandescent mantles				61	15	10
Coal and coke				19	6	3
Water				6	13	0
Taxes and insurance				13	13	1
Cleaning, materials, &c.				11	10	1
Books				310	18	4
Binding and numbering books				84	7	11
Newspapers and magazines				88	3	3
Printing supplementary catalogue				44	19	3
Salaries and wages				524	4	11
Printing and stationery				36	16	8
Postages and sundries				20	1	5
Loans: Principal and Interest				229	11	4
Subscription to Library Association				1	1	0
Porter's uniform				3	3	0
Borrowers' deposits returned				2	10	0
Balance (including borrowers' deposits £2 10s.)..				7	10	1½
				£1567	7	10

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

OF

STOKE NEWINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1902-3.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1902-3.

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Librarian and Clerk:

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Sub-Librarian:

BERTIE J. HARPER.

Assistants:

Senior—ARTHUR R. CASS.

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Porter:

CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Report, Year ended March 31*st*, 1903.

In this, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Libraries, the Committee again has the pleasure of recording a large increase in the work of all departments.

The stock of books has been increased during the year by the addition of 1,920 volumes, the total stock now amounting to 21,303. Of these 14,401 are located in the Lending Library, and 6,902 in the Reference Library.

136,179 volumes have been issued during the year, representing a daily average of 522. This is an increase of 8,406 in the total, and 40 in the daily average, over the issues of the previous year, and compared with the issues during the last complete year before the amalgamation with South Hornsey, is an increase of 38,024 in the total, and 146 in the daily average.

The largest issue in one day was reached on February 28th, when the total was 962 volumes.

The percentage of fiction to the total stock is 21·1, and to the total issues 59·9, which is a slight decrease in both respects.

Borrowers' tickets were issued to, and renewed by 4,400 persons. Of these 161 have been cancelled, leaving 4,239 in force on March 31st, an increase of 319 over the previous year. Of these, 972 are held by ratepayers, 3,267 by non-ratepaying residents, employees, &c.; 2,188 by females and 2,051 by males. 882 reside in the South Hornsey Ward, 3,271 in the other Wards of the Borough, 74 are non-resident employees, and 12 non-resident subscribers. 368 tickets were issued to borrowers under the age of 14.

At the annual Stocktaking, one volume of the value of 2s. 4d,, was unaccounted for. 392 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation in consequence of their worn and dirty condition, 14 volumes have been damaged or lost by borrowers, from whom, or their guarantors, the cost of new copies has been received, and 5 volumes, of the value of 14s. 4d., have been lost through failure to trace borrowers and guarantors who have removed from the district.

1,266 volumes have been bound, or rebound, during the year, the cost of binding, numbering new books, and making new periodical cases, being £105.

A considerable increase is noticeable in the work of the Reference Library, and this is no doubt due to the special attention which has been directed to the purchase of a large number of important books of reference during the past two years, and also to the fact that these books have been placed on shelves where they are in view of readers.

The Reading Rooms have also been as popular as ever, and, notwithstanding the inconvenience to which readers are subject through want of space, the attendance has shewn no sign of falling off.

The following Newspapers and Magazines have been added to the list of those purchased for the Reading Rooms, viz.:—"The Irish Weekly Times," "The Weekly Scotsman," "The Pilot," "The National Review," "The Musical Times," and "The Art workers' quarterly."

The Committee regrets that ten volumes have been stolen from among the works which are placed in the Reference Library for unrestricted use by readers. These were volumes of science and history primers, the nett cost of which only amounted to 8s. 8d. A notice has been placed in the Reading Rooms requesting readers to assist in detecting the thief.

The sum expended in the purchase of new books and replacement of wornout volumes amounted to £405, and out of this the Committee has been able to make many important additions to the Library. Among the works purchased for the Reference Library the following may be specially mentioned:—

"The Speaker's Commentary," 13 vols.; "The Expositor's Bible," series 1-3; Aynsley's "Symbolism of the East and West"; Legg's "English Coronation Records"; "Facsimile of the Coronation Address presented to Their Majesties by the North London Metropolitan Boroughs"; Mulhall's "Dictionary of statistics"; "Encyclopædia of the laws of England," 12 vols.; Austin's "Lectures on jurisprudence," 2 vols.; Rogers' "History of agriculture and prices in England, 1359-1793," 7 vols. in 8; Mayne's "Medical vocabulary"; Sloane's "Electrical dictionary"; Clark's "Mediæval military architecture," 2 vols.; Perry's "Greek and Roman sculpture"; Hazlitt's "Coinage of Continental Europe"; Cook's "Handbook of the National Gallery," 2 vols.; Owen Jones' "1001 Initial letters"; Chatto and Jackson's "Wood engraving"; Planche's "Cyclopædia of costume," 2 vols. in 4; Pope's "Works," ed. by Elwin and Courthope, 10 vols.; Fleay's "Chronicle of the English drama," 2 vols.; Ward's "History

of dramatic literature," 3 vols.; "Cambridge modern history," vol. 1; "Annual register," 1901; Poole's "Historical atlas of modern Europe"; Green's "Short history of the English people," [illus. ed.] 3 vols.; Barnard's "Companion to English history"; Walpole's "Memoirs of the reign of George III.," 4 vols.; *The Times* "History of the war in South Africa," vols. 1-2; "Popular County histories," 15 vols.; "Gentleman's magazine library: English topography," 14 vols.; Besant's "London in the 18th century"; Benham and Welch's "Mediæval London"; Benham's "Old St. Paul's Cathedral"; Tomlins' "Perambulation of Islington"; Murray's "Continental guides," 8 vols.; Allen's "Historical guides," 4 vols.; Halliwell-Phillipps' "Outlines of the life of Shakespeare"; "Apology for the life of Colley Cibber," 2 vols.; Cooke's "Memoirs of Samuel Foote," 3 vols.; Campbell's "Lives of the Lord Chancellors," 10 vols.; Campbell's "Lives of the Chief Justices," 4 vols.; Dibdin's "Library Companion"; Baker's "Descriptive Guide to Fiction"; Fletcher's "Index to general literature"; "Book prices current," 1901-2; Clark's "Care of books"; Blades' "Pentateuch of printing"; "Encyclopædia Britannica"—Supplement, 11 vols.

The additions to the Lending Library included standard and recent works of current interest in all classes of literature.

The collection of Music has been used to a great extent, and many additions have been made to this section during the year. The number of books in the French language has also been increased, and a selection of works in German has been purchased. These include works by the following authors:—H. C. Andersen, B. Auerbach, F. Dahn, G. Ebers, E. Eckstein, G. Freytag, L. Ganghofer, J. W. v. Goethe, W. Hauff, H. Heine, G. E. Lessing, J. P. Richter, H. Sudermann, Baroness v. Suttner, E. Werner, J. Wolff, and E. v. Wolzogen.

In consequence of these large additions, a new supplementary Catalogue is becoming necessary, and will have to be provided during the coming year. This will be the third supplement to the General Catalogue, which was published in 1897. A new Catalogue of the Juvenile Department will also be required, all the copies of the previous catalogue having been sold.

This work would have been necessary earlier, but for the assistance of the Editor of the "Stoke Newington Recorder," who has published in his paper from time to time, free of cost, lists of the books added to the Library. These lists have been very useful to borrowers, and the Committee desires to thank the Editor for his generous assistance.

Several additions of local interest have been made, including:—

"A Map of the Albert Park and approaches, in the Parishes of Islington, Hornsey, Stoke Newington, and Hackney, 1851." This is a large scale map of a proposed public park, to occupy the area now covered by the districts of Brownswood Park, Highbury New Park, Petherton Road, and part of Stoke Newington West of Lordship Road, and showing the district when it was open country.

A curious Broadside "Humbly presented to all my Worthy Masters and Mistresses in the Parish of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, by John Workman, Beadle and Bellman" [1822], containing verses on various topics, such as "On the Coronation," "To the memory of the late Queen," "On the Death of Napoleon Buonaparte."

A portrait of John Howard, the philanthropist, engraved by Edmund Scott from a painting of Mather Brown.

Five maps of the County of Middlesex, by R. Morden (1695) J. Norden (1610), H. Moll (1724), and R. W. Seale (1756).

The most important Donations received during the year, are:—

From the Trustees of the British Museum—120 volumes of their publications, of the value of over £100, of which the following is a selection:—"Book of the dead": reproduction of papyri, with transl., &c., by Budge, 3 vols.; "Description of ancient marbles," 11 vols.; "Description of ancient terra-cottas"; "Catalogue of Greek and Etruscan vases," 3 vols.; "Designs from Greek vases"; "Catalogue of bronzes: Greek, Roman and Etruscan"; "Guide to the coins of the Ancients"; "Handbook of the coins of Great Britain and Ireland"; "Facsimiles of early printed books"; "Facsimiles of Biblical MSS."; "Facsimiles of ancient Latin MSS."; "Catalogues of Hebrew, Arabic, Hindustani, Chinese, Japanese, &c., books," 13 vols.; "Catalogue of cuneiform tablets," 5 vols.; "Annals of the Kings of Assyria," by Budge, vol. 1.

From the Corporation of the City of London:—A set of the medals issued by the Corporation to commemorate various historical events in the history of the City, and four volumes of its publications.

Other important donations were received from the Rev. Preb. Shelford and Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, and books, &c., of local interest from Alderman Eve, Messrs. D. Hipwell, F. J. Hancock, F. E. Manley, W. D. Sievey, J. R. Spratling, and W. Thompson.

To these and all the donors mentioned on the appended list, the Committee again desires to tender its grateful thanks.

The proposed extension of the Library building, mentioned in the last report of the Committee, is still in abeyance, having been adjourned by the Council pending negociations with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the purchase of additional land. The Council has since agreed to purchase a further piece of land having a frontage of 20 ft. on Edwards Lane, and this, together with the portion already agreed upon, provides a site measuring 95 ft. by 70 ft.

The settlement of the plans has been further held over pending the decision of the Council, on the proposal for the adoption of the Museums Act.

This question was brought before the Committee by Mr. A. W. Mackenzie, who, in a Memorandum prepared by him, outlined a scheme for the establishment of a Museum in Clissold House. Another suggestion submitted was to build a Museum in conjunction with the Library extension, and the Committee, while not committing itself to either of the schemes, passed a resolution in favour of the adoption of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, as far as it relates to Museums.

In accordance with the statutory notice, given under the recommendation of the Committee, Alderman Eve, at the March meeting of the Council, moved the adoption of the Museums Act, and the limitation of the rate to a farthing in the £.

The question was adjourned until the meeting of the Council of April 21st, when the motion was lost.

The settlement of this question will enable the Committee at once to proceed with the extension of the Library building, and it is hoped that this work will be completed before the issue of the next Annual Report.

No legislation specially affecting Libraries has been passed by Parliament during the year. A Bill, prepared by the Library Association, has been introduced, which provides for the removal of the limitation of the rate to one penny in the £, leaving each Library authority to decide what amount shall be spent on its Library.

This Committee has decided not to support the Bill, because, in its opinion, the removal of the penny limit would be detrimental to the adoption of the Libraries Acts in many districts where they are not yet in force.

In May, 1902, Councillor Wright was elected a member of the Committee, to fill the vacancy caused through the resignation, in March, of Councillor Hutton.

In November the Committee was constituted as before, except that Councillor Brough was elected in the place of

Councillor Wright, Alderman Eve (Ex-Mayor) becoming an elected member, and Alderman Johnston (the Mayor) an ex-officio member.

The Rev. Preb. Shelford was re-appointed as Chairman, and Alderman Eve as Vice-Chairman.

The Committee was represented by the Librarian at the Annual Conference of the Library Association, which was held in Birmingham in September, and has submitted a report of the proceedings.

In July, Mr. H. T. Soper, Sub-Librarian, tendered his resignation on his appointment to the Librarianship of the Exeter Public Library. Mr. B. J. Harper, Senior Assistant, has been promoted to the post of Sub-Librarian, and Mr. A. R. Cass, who was trained in the Tottenham Public Library, has been appointed Senior Assistant.

L. E. SHELFORD, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM EVE, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 11th, 1903.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough, 1902 (estimated) ...	51,669
Area	863 acres
Rateable value, 1902-3	£342,411
Public Libraries Acts adopted—Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
,, ,, ,, ,, —South Hornsey	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
Milton Road Library closed	April 17th, 1901

	1901-2.	1902-3.
Total number of Volumes in stock ... ... (Exclusive of 1565 duplicates, &c., reserved for further consideration).	19,383...	21,303
Increase	1,588...	1,920
Total number of Volumes issued ... ... (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	127,773...	136,179
Daily average issue	482...	522
Average number of times which each book has been issued	6·6...	6·4
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	4,121...	4,400
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ...	201...	161
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ...	3,920...	4,239
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	32...	32
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about) ...	1,200...	1,200

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.				
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.	Turnover.
Philosophy and religion	1,007	466	1,473	7·	162	1,574	1,155	2,729	2·	1·8
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	600	902	1,502	7·1	243	1,159	856	2,015	1·5	1·3
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	732	443	1,175	5·5	101	1,675	1,750	3,425	2·5	2·9
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	453	263	716	3·3	88	1,470	1,306	2,776	2·	3·9
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	535	233	768	3·6	200	2,624	1,107	3,731	2·8	4·8
Literature and language	1,415	1,100	2,515	11·8	235	3,207	1,952	5,159	3·8	2·
History, biography and travel ...	3,455	2,401	5,856	27·5	507	6,745	3,486	10,231	7·5	1·7
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c)	565	1,031	1,596	7·5	142	2,862	2,085	4,947	3·6	3·1
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ...	1,198	—	1,198	5·6	28	19,516	—	19,516	14·4	16·3
Prose fiction	4,441	63	4,504	21·1	214	81,412	238	81,650	59·9	18·1
TOTAL	14,401	6,902	21,303	100·	1,920	122,244	13,935	136,179	100·	6·4

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 477; Reference Library, 45; Total, 522.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of tickets in force, March 31st :—4,239.
Held by ratepayers, 972;
Other residents, &c., not ratepayers, 3,267.
Held by females, 2,188; Males, 2,051.

Accountants	23
Actors and actresses	3
Advertising manager	1
Agents and collectors	45
Antiquarian	1
Apprentices	19
Architects and surveyors	23
Artificial florist	1
Artists and draughtsmen	20
Assistants and salesmen	60
Auctioneers and estate agents	2
Auditor	1
Authors and journalists	20
Average adjuster	1
Bailiff	1
Bakers and confectioners	13
Banker	1
Barristers	2
Bill distributer	1
Biograph operator	1
Blind maker	1
Boarding house keeper	1
Bookbinders and folders	9
Booksellers and newsagents	17
Bootmakers	13
Brassfounder	1
Bricklayers	4
Brokers	2
Brushmakers	2
Builders, contractors, and decorators	22
Butchers	10
Buyers	2
Cabinetmakers	7
Cabman	1
Camera maker	1
Caretakers	4
Carpenters and joiners	25
Carpet dealer	1
Cashiers	15
Caterers	4
Cellarmen	5
Cheesemongers	4
Chemists and dispensers	10
China dealer	1
Civil servants	68
Clergymen and ministers	14
Clerks and book-keepers	584
Club steward	1
Coachbuilders and painters	5
Coachman	1
Cooks	5
Currier	1
Cutler	1
Dairymen	2
Deaconess	1
Dental mechanics	2
Dentist	1
Designers	4
Despatcher	1
Diamond setters	2
Distiller	1
Domestic servants	25
Drapers and clothiers	18
Dressmakers and milliners	82
Electrical case maker	1
Electricians	11
Elocutionist	1
Embroideresses	2
Engineers	27
Engraver	1
Engravers' block maker	1
Factory examiner	1
Feather workers	3
Fishmonger	1
Florists	5
Foreign correspondents	4
French polisher	1
Fruiterer	1
Fur sewer	1
Furniture dealers	3
Furriers	2
Gardeners	5
Gasfitters	4
Gas index maker	1
Gas inspector	1
Glass beveller	1
Glass decorator	1

Gold and silversmiths	10
Governesses	3
Grocers	13
Gun maker	1
Gymnastic teachers	2
Hairdressers	5
Hatter	1
Hosiers	4
House furnishers	4
Inspector	1
Ironmongers	6
Labourer	1
Labellers	2
Lampmaker	1
Laundress	1
Laundryman	1
Law writer	1
Leather workers	5
Lecturers	3
Librarian	1
Licensed victuallers	4
Linguists	4
Lithographers	2
Locksmith	1
Machinists	27
Managers and manageresses	17
Manufacturers	5
Mantle maker	14
Masons	2
Matron	1
Merchants and importers	27
Messengers	3
Metal worker	1
Mill hand	1
Milk specialist	1
Municipal officer	1
Musicians	18
Naturalists	2
Nurses	4
Office and errand boys	18
Omnibus employees	9
Opticians	2
Organ builders	3
Organists	3
Overseer	1
Packers	6
Painters and plumbers	13
Paper stainer	1
Pawnbrokers	2
Pencil maker	1
Pensioners	5
Photographers	15
Physicians and surgeons	11
Pianoforte makers and tuners	9
Picture frame maker	1
Plasterer	1
Plush bracket coverer	1
Police officers	17
Polishers	2
Porters	5
Post Office employees	59
Potman	1
Presser	1
Printers and readers	34
Publishers	2
Railway employees	7
Rate collector	1
Registrar	1
Relieving officer	1
Road foreman	1
Road sweeper	1
Sanitary officers	3
Saw mill proprietor	1
Scholars and students	582
School attendance officers	2
Schoolmasters and mistresses	184
Scientific instrument makers	3
Secretaries	13
Setter out	1
Shirt cutters and makers	2
Sign writers	2
Smocker	1
Solicitors	9
Statistician	1
Stick mounters	2
Stockbrokers	9
Storekeepers	3
Tailors and tailoresses	11
Tax assessor	1
Tea taster	1
Tea broker	1
Tie makers and cutters	2
Telephone operators	2
Timekeepers	2
Tobacconists	4
Tramway employees	6
Travellers	43
Trimming makers	4
Trunk maker	1
Turners	2
Typists and stenographers	22
Umbrella makers	2
Undergraduates	2
Upholsterers	6
Valveman	1
Vanmen	3
Vellum sewer	1
Waitresses	3
Wardrobe dealer	1
Warehousemen	39
Watchmakers and jewellers	10
Wheelwrights	2
Woodcarvers	4
Not stated	1,510
Total	4,239

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Alcock, Mr. G. W. (Hawksley Road) 1
Anglo-Russian Literary Society 1
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) .. 156
Benson, Mr. J. W. (Ludgate Hill) 1
Blackwell, Mr. H. H. (Queen's Road) 1
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 3
Bradly, Mr. A. J. (Brighton Road) .. 7 pieces of music
British Museum, Trustees of the 120
Browne, Mrs. (Gipsy Hill) .. 1
Bureau of Education, U.S.A. 2
Burgoyne, Mr. F. J. (Brixton) 1
Burton, Mr. J. F. (Lordship Road) 4
Chipperfield, Mr. H. (Albion Road) 13
Christian Science Reading Rooms 1
City and Guilds of London Institute 1
Corporation of the City of London 4
Croger, Mr. T. R. 1
Davidson, Mr. J. S. (Milton Road) 1
Edinburgh University .. 1
Eve, Alderman (Ex-Mayor) .. 1
Goodrick, Miss (Church Street) Unbound magazines
Great Western Railway Co... 3
Grocott, Mr. G. (Hackney) .. 1
Hampton, Mr. W. (Farringdon Street) 1
Hancock, Mr. F. J. (Lordship Road) 1
H.M. Stationery Office (Parliamentary papers).. .. 116
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood Terrace) 7
Hughes, Mrs. (Lordship Road) 15
Hunt, Dr. G. A. (Paradise Row) 2
Hunt, Mrs. (Lordship Road) Unbound magazines
Isle of Man Board of Advertising 3
Islington Borough Council .. 3
Jones, Mr. J. M. H. (Tottenham) 1
Kelly, Mr. W. P. 2
King's College (London) .. 1
Layton, Messrs. (Farringdon Street) 1
Lempriere, Mr. W. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk) 3
London County Council .. 5
Lord's Day Observance Society 1
MacDonald & Co., Messrs. (Leadenhall Street) .. 2
Manley, Mr. F. E. (Allerton Road) 1
Mansion House (King's Dinner to the Poor) Committee .. 1
Metropolitan Asylums Board 2
Mongredien, Mr. A. (Burma Road) 30
Naval Architects, Institute of 13
Ogden, Mr. H. J. (Manchester) 2
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. (Cannon Street) 1
Queensland, Registrar General for 2
Reid, Mr. W. Lewis (Green Lanes) 1
Rippin, Mr. G. H. (Clissold Road) 2
Savery, Councillor 2
School Board for London .. 6
Shaylor, Mr. J. (Gloucester Road) 1
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., R.D. 23
Sleeper, Mr. J. F. 2
Smith, Miss Gordon (Allerton Road) .. Parcel of music
South-Eastern and Chatham Railway 1
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road) 2
Stable, Miss (Lordship Road) Unbound magazines
Stephens, Mrs. (St. Paul's Road) 1
Stewart, Mr. C. (Gloucester Road) 3
Stubbs' Publishing Co. (New Broad St.) 1
Technical Education Board.. 2
Thompson, Mr. W. (Allen Rd.) 3
Thompson, Mr. W. P. (High Holborn) 1
Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. (Allerton Road) 9
Trinity College (London) .. 1
University Correspondence College 1

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L., £2 2s.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Comer, Mrs. (Lordship Park). Parcel of maps.
Corporation of the City of London. A set of the 29 medals issued by the Corporation.
Eve, Alderman (Ex-Mayor). Medal issued by him during his Mayoralty, to commemorate the Coronation.
Elder, Dempster, and Co., Messrs. Map of Africa.
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park). Facsimile of a Map of Land near Romford in 1696.
Sievey, Mr. W. D. Reproductions of Mayors' portraits.
Spratling, Mr. J. R. Local programmes, photographs, &c.
Walker and Cockerell, Messrs. Specimen sheet of the "Kelmscott" Chaucer.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. W. (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph.
Allison, Mrs. (Turnham Green). Christian science journal, Christian science sentinel.
Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.
Bass, Mr. G. T. (Hawksley Road). Bedfordshire times.
Bateman, Miss (Queen's Road). Stoke Newington Presbyterian Church monthly record.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. Sussex express.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Miss (High Street). Answers.
Blackmore, Mr. C. (High Street). Feathered world, Homing world.
Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animals' friend, Herald of the Golden Age, Humanity.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' Parish magazine.
Eve, Mrs. (Albion Road). Friendly leaves.
Frisby, Mr. A. (Paddington). Brotherhood.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English Churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayes, Mr. W. (Hawksley Road). Catholic times.
Jamrach, Mr. W. (Lordship Road). Asian, Field, and others.
Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. St. John the Evangelist Parish magazine.
Roberts, Mr. J. E. (Church Road). Musicians' report and journal.
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A., R.D. British weekly, Guardian, London Diocesan magazine, St. Mary's Parochial magazine, All Saints' Parish magazine, St. Andrew's Parish magazine.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Stuart, Mr. A. (Carysfort Road). Children's garden.
Thornhill, Mrs. P. L. (Allerton Road). Yorkshire weekly post.
Williams, Mr. J. R. British journal of photography, Photographic news Scientific news.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

Hackney Board of Guardians. London County Council. Metropolitan Asylums Board. School Board for London. Stoke Newington Borough Council. Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, &c.

London :—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Fulham. Hammersmith, St. Bride's Institute, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster,

Provincial and Foreign :—Acton, Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Brentford, Bury, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chiswick, Cleveland, U.S.A., Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Kendal, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Kimberley, Kingston, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Longton, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark, Oxford (Bodleian) Penge, Plymouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, Salford, South Shields, Southampton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Willesden Green, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Cook's Continental, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets :—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Engineer. v. 80, 1895.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27, 39.
Illustrated London news. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Nineteenth century. Parts 1—16, 1877-8; 145, 1889.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly review. Nos. 1—29, 33—37, 40, 42—7, 79—80, 119—20, 155, 159—60, 199—200, 215, 217—28, 230—1, 233—4, 237—42, 245—50, 252—61, 263—74, 279—81, 290—9, 327—38.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43—50, 1873—80.
Royal Historical Society. Transactions. v. 1.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1889; 1891 (June, July, November, December); 1892-3.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1—41.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the publishers. † Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily express
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Echo
Evening news
Evening standard
*Financial news
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
St. James's gazette
Standard
Star
Sun
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
†Answers
Architect
†Asian
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Bakers' times
†Bedfordshire times
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
†British journal of photography
†British weekly
Builder
*Building news
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
†Christian science sentinel
Christian world
Church times
City press (bi-weekly)
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
†Co-operative news
*Councillor and guardian
*County gentleman
*Cyclist
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
*Electrical investments
Electrician
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
†Essex telegraph
*Ethics
Exchange and mart (Friday ed.)
†Feathered world
†Field
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
†Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney mercury
*Hackney standard
†Homing world
*Hornsey and Finsbury Park journal
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Irish times
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
King and his Navy and Army
Lady's pictorial
Literary world
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*London argus
Londoner general-anzieger
Municipal journal
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
*North Middlesex standard
Notes and queries
*Patents
*Phonetic journal
†Photographic news
Pilot
*Poor law officers' journal
*Property market record
*Public health engineer
Punch
Queen

*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scotsman
*Shoe and leather record
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
Stage
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
*Tobacco weekly
*Tottenham and Stamford Hill times
Truth
Vanity Fair
*Vegetarian
Westminster budget
Work
World
†Yorkshire post

MONTHLY.

†All Saints' parish magazine
Animal world
†Animals' friend
Bookman
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
†Brotherhood
Cassell's magazine
Century
*Chamber of commerce journal
Chambers's journal
†Children's garden
*Child's guardian
†Christian science journal
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
*Cook's travellers gazette
†Diocesan magazine
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Food and cookery
Fortnightly review
*Free Russia
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
Good words
Harper's magazine
†Herald of peace
†Herald of the Golden Age
†Humanitarian
*Insurance agent
*Insurance spectator
*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
*Labour co-partnership
*Labour gazette
*Ladies' League gazette
*Liberator
*Liberty review
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
*London, seaside and country
Macmillan's magazine
Magazine of art
Monthly review
*Musical herald
Musical times
†Musicians' report and journal
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
National review
*Nature notes
*New church magazine
Nineteenth century and after
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Plumber and decorator
†Presbyterian Church record
†Protestant woman
†Quadrant magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. Andrew's monthly paper
†St. John the Evangelist parish magazine
†St. Mary's parochial magazine
†St. Matthias parish magazine
*Sales and wants
†Scientific news
*Script phonographic journal
*Smithfield illustrated monthly
†Sons of temperance
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Tailor and cutter
*Technical education gazette
†Temperance times
*Tool and machinery register
*Travel
*Tuberculosis
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
†West Hackney parish magazine
†Wheatsheaf
†White ribbon
Windsor magazine
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

Art workers' quarterly
*Anti-slavery reporter
*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
Home counties magazine
Journal of the Geological Society
Quarterly review

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART 1.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended March 31st, 1903.
[Subject to Government Audit].

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited statement				7	10	2½
Rates—1d. in the £				1426	0	0
Fines and penalties	74	1	4			
Donations and subscriptions	8	2	0			
Sale of Borrowers' tickets	18	6	8			
„ Catalogues	12	14	1			
Rent of land	5	0	0			
Advertisements on bookmarks, etc. ..	27	1	6			
Borrowers' deposits	1	0	0			
Reserve postcards, waste paper, etc. ..	12	13	0			
Cost of infected books destroyed, paid by Public Health Committee	2	4	0			
				161	2	7
				£1594	12	9½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Repairs and furniture	39	11	11
Gas	56	8	11
Coal and coke	18	6	0
Water	6	13	0
Taxes and insurance	15	16	3
Cleaning materials, &c.	11	15	7
Books	405	7	3
Binding	104	19	11
Newspapers and magazines	82	12	3
Salaries and wages	530	17	0
Printing and stationery	58	0	1
Postages and sundries	23	1	3
Loans: Principal and interest	206	18	10
Subscription to Library Association and expenses attending Conference	5	5	0
Typewriter and accessories	22	4	6
Borrowers' deposits returned	1	0	0
Balance (including borrowers' deposits £2 10s.)	5	15	0½
	£1594	12	9½

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART 2. (Loan account—Year ended 31st March, 1903.)

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amounts paid this Year. Principal.			Amounts paid this Year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of Year.		
		£		Yrs.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site ..	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½%	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	911	3	1	10	14	0	31	16	0	900	9	1
2	Erection of Building	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½%	60 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	2,062	7	2	70	4	10	71	11	6	1,992	2	4
3	Furnishing	379	do.	10	379	do.	3½%	20 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	22	4	6	22	4	6	0	8	0	—	—	—
	TOTALS	4,000			4,000				2,995	14	9	103	3	4	103	15	6	2,892	11	5

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Accountant.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The READING ROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals. The railway time books are also placed in this room.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS) 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY and Magazine Room, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Borough; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The advertisement sheets of the 'Daily Chronicle' are posted outside the Library, and of the 'Daily Chronicle' and 'Daily Telegraph' outside the Council Offices in Milton Road, each morning at seven o clock.

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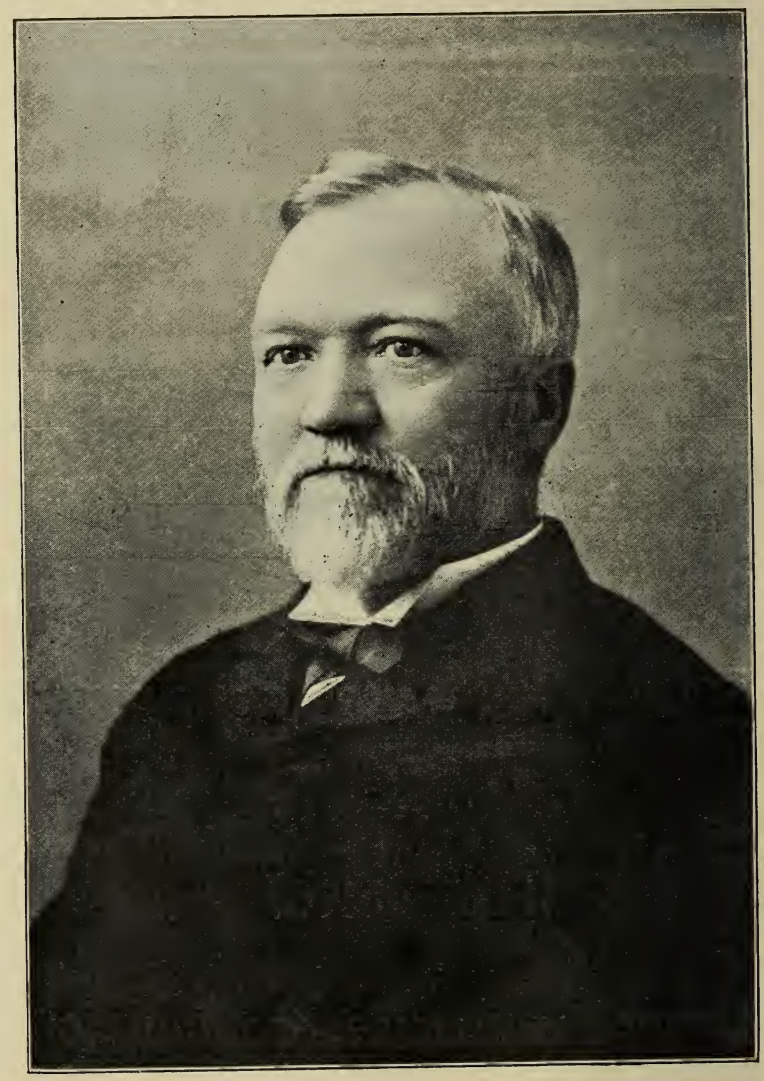

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OF THE

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1903–4.

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Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Fourteenth
Annual Report, Year ended March 31st, 1904.

The Public Libraries Committee, in submitting its Annual Report, is pleased to record another year of increased work.

The stock of books in the Library is now 22,734 volumes (the nett addition during the year being 1,431) of which 7,361 are located in the Reference Library, and 15,373 in the Lending Library.

The number of volumes issued during the year was 153,272, representing a daily average of 564. This is the largest issue in any year since the establishment of the Library, and is an increase over the previous year of 17,093 volumes.

Compared with the last complete year before the amalgamation of Stoke Newington and South Hornsey, this is an increase of 55,117 in the total, and 188 in the daily average.

The largest number of books issued in one day was on Saturday, February 13th, when the total was 1,037.

The percentage of each class of literature in stock and issue varies but slightly from former years. Fiction has decreased, being 20·4 of the stock, and 59·4 of the issue, as compared with 21·1 and 59·9 in 1902-3.

Borrowers' tickets were granted to 4,480 persons. Of these, 144 have been cancelled, leaving 4,336 in force on March 31st, an increase of 97 over the previous year.

889 are held by ratepayers, 3,447 by non-ratepaying residents, employees, etc., 2,276 are held by females, and 2,060 by males. 920 borrowers reside in the South Hornsey Ward, 3,338 in the other Wards of the Borough, and 78 are non-resident employees and subscribers.

In March, 1900, the number of tickets in force was 2,987, so that, in addition to the 920 borrowers from the South Hornsey Ward, those from the old district of Stoke Newington have increased since that date by 351.

The Lending Library was not closed for the customary annual stocktaking. The books were all examined, and 207 volumes withdrawn from circulation as worn-out, dirty, or incomplete. 17 have been lost or damaged by borrowers, who have paid the cost of new copies, and 1,201 volumes bound at a cost (including the numbering of new books) of £97 9s. 8d.

The increase in the work of the Reference Library, reported last year, has been continued. Lack of the books most called for by readers has, in past years, prevented it from being used by a larger number, but the considerable additions of the last three years have been followed by a corresponding increase in the issue, which promises well for the success of this department when the more commodious and quiet room in the extended building is opened.

The Newsroom attendance is as large as ever, notwithstanding the restricted area and discomfort experienced in consequence of the building operations on the new extension.

Several additions of periodicals have been received through the generosity of private donors and various publishers.

In the latter part of the year the expenditure on the purchase of books was somewhat restricted, owing to the necessity for providing funds to meet the expense of renovating the old portion of the building. The total expenditure on the purchase of new books and replacement of worn-out volumes was £304 10s. 1d., as compared with £405 7s. 3d. in 1902-3.

The following are the most important purchases for the Reference Department, viz:—

Booth's "Life and labour of the people of London," 3rd series; Smith's "Religious Life of London"; Baldwin's "Dictionary of philosophy and psychology," vols. 1-2; Sonnenschien's "Library of philosophy," 12 vols.; Jameson's "Legends of the Madonna"; Gross' "Bibliography of British municipal history"; Morris' "History of British birds," 6 vols., and "Nests and eggs of British birds," 3 vols.; Cornish's "Living animals of the world," 2 vols.; Schimper's "Plant geography"; "Oxford history of music," 3 vols.; Jackson's "History of hand-made lace"; Arber's "English garner," new edition, 10 vols.; Garnett and Gosse's "Illustrated English literature," 4 vols.; "Hood's works," 10 vols.; Hoyt and Ward's "Dictionary of quotations"; "Suckling's works," 2 vols.; Spurrell's "Welsh dictionary"; Larsen and Rosen's "Dano-Norwegian dictionary," 2 vols.; Calisch's "Dutch dictionary," 2 vols.; Alexandrow's "Russian dictionary," 2 vols.; Harbottle's "Dictionary of historical allusions"; Holinshed's "Chronicles," 6 vols.; Hakluyt's "Voyages," new edition, vols. 1-6; Schliemann's "Ilios, Mycenæ, and Troy,"

3 vols.; Clowes' "The Royal Navy," 7 vols.; Welch's "Modern history of the City of London"; Elwin's "Dictionary of Heraldry"; Horne's "Study of bibliography"; Baldwin Brown's "Arts of early England," vols. 1-2; "Notes and queries," 99 vols. (completing the set with the exception of 5 index vols.); Murray's "New English dictionary" (continued); Wright's "English dialect dictionary" (continued); "Publications of the Palæontographical and Ray Societies" (continued).

The works in the German language, added last year, have been largely used, and many requests are received for further additions to this section, as well as to the selection of works in French, and of music.

A new (third) supplementary Catalogue has been prepared and printed, which contains the titles of nearly 4,000 volumes added since November, 1901.

The Catalogue of the Library is now in four divisions, which makes it very inconvenient for borrowers to consult, and it is hoped that when another Catalogue becomes necessary, the whole of these divisions will be amalgamated, and a complete Catalogue issued. This cannot be done in the near future, as a very large amount of labour in the preparation and expense in the printing will be involved.

The sale of Catalogues is not so large as it should be, many borrowers being content to suffer inconvenience and loss of time by consulting the counter copies. The Catalogues are sold considerably under cost price, and it should be remembered that the sooner an edition is exhausted, so much the sooner will a revised Catalogue be issued.

Large additions have been made to the collection of juvenile literature, the total stock being 1,507 volumes. The books have been rearranged, and a new Catalogue issued. When the new building is opened, children will obtain their books for home reading, at the counter in the new Juvenile Reading Room, and it is expected that this arrangement will reduce the pressure at the General Library counter, and conduce to the comfort of the adult borrowers.

The Library has again received many donations of books, etc., and the Committee desires to express its grateful thanks to all the donors.

The Rev. Preb. Shelford presented McCarthy's "History of the Four Georges," Grant's "Old and new Edinburgh," Hebrew, Chaldee, and Greek concordances, and other standard works.

Mr. Wynne E. Baxter has presented 11 volumes of the Royal Historical Society's Transactions, completing the Committee's set to the present time, the Journals of the Geological and Royal Geographical Societies, as published, and the reproduction, issued

by the London Topographical Society, of "A prospect of the City of London and Westminster and St. James's Park," by John Kip, 1710.

Additions to the collection of local books, etc., have been made by Sir J. J. Runtz, and Messrs. F. W. Baxter, D. Hipwell, W. Lott, G. A. Page, E. J. Sage, J. R. Spratling, and Councillor White.

A Library Bookplate, designed and presented by Mr. F. W. Baxter, has been adopted and reproduced for insertion in Reference Library books, and the Committee desires to express its appreciation of Mr. Baxter's skill and generosity.

Grants of various Parliamentary Papers have been continued by H.M. Stationery Office, and in addition to the annual returns on trade, education, etc., reports of the following Royal Commissions and Select Committees have been received, viz.:—Alien immigration, Betting, Coal supplies, Municipal trading, Liquor licensing, Port of London, South African War, Treatment of sewage, and Vaccination.

The publications of the London County Council, School Board, and Stoke Newington Borough Council have been received regularly, and also the Minutes of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Water Board, and Hackney Guardians, and the Annual Reports of various Metropolitan Borough Councils.

The principal event of the year has been the erection of the new Library extension and Lecture Hall, which was foreshadowed in the last Annual Report.

As soon as the Borough Council decided not to adopt the Museums Act, the Committee proceeded with the revision of plans and estimates for the new buildings.

After careful consideration it was found that if a building covering the whole of the site was provided, a very small balance would be left for the purchase of books, and it was therefore reluctantly decided to omit the Lecture Hall from the scheme, thereby reducing the estimated cost to £2,500.

This scheme was adopted by the Council on May 19th, 1903.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alderman Eve, who during his Mayoralty, and subsequently, had been in communication with Mr. Andrew Carnegie in reference to the proposed extension, received the following letter from him:—

Skibo Castle, Ardgay, N.B., June 11th, 1903.

Dear Sir,—

Responding to your communications on behalf of Stoke Newington, in consideration of all the 1d. rate being devoted to the support of the Library system, and of the cost of the site for extension not being a burden on the Library rate, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to defray

the cost of extension to the extent of £4,000 sterling, as estimated by you.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES BERTRAM, Private Secretary.

This was communicated to the Council by Alderman Eve at a special meeting held on June 26th, when the following resolution was unanimously passed, viz. :—

"That the best thanks of this Council be and are hereby given to Andrew Carnegie, Esq., for his kind and munificent offer to defray the cost of the enlargement of the Library buildings in this Borough to the extent of £4,000, and this Council willingly agrees to the condition attached to his offer, viz. :—That the cost of the site for the extension should not be paid out of the penny Library rate."

Mr. Alderman Eve expressed his willingness to defray the cost of the site in the event of its being determined that this could not be paid out of the general rate of the Borough, and a resolution was unanimously passed thanking him for his offer and for his valuable services in connection with the Library extension scheme.

The plans were again revised by Mr. Sidney G. Goss, A.R.I.B.A., and tenders invited for the erection of the building, including a Lecture Hall, and the tender of Messrs. Shurmur and Sons, Limited, was accepted for the sum of £4,211.

As this was in excess of Mr. Carnegie's offer, the facts were submitted to him by Alderman Eve, and he generously stated his willingness to increase his offer to £4,450, which it was estimated would cover the building contract and architect's commission.

Building operations were commenced in August, and the foundation stone of the new building was laid by the then Mayor, Alderman Johnston, J.P., on Saturday, October 31st, a large number of residents being present, on his invitation.

It was expected that the buildings would be completed before the close of the period covered by this report, but owing to unfavourable weather and other causes, this expectation has not been realised. The building is now nearly completed, and the opening is expected to take place early in June.

The Council invited Mr. Carnegie to perform the opening ceremony, and a reply has just been received expressing his regret that it is impracticable for him to comply with the request owing to other engagements which he has already made.

In the extended buildings the public rooms are all on the ground floor, and easily supervised. They comprise a Reading Room, having an area of 2,352 ft. ; Reference Library, 1,460 ft. ;

Lending Library (including borrowers' lobby) 2,500 ft.; Children's Library (with separate entrance) 850 ft.; Lecture Hall (exclusive of platform and retiring rooms) 1,800 ft.; Directory lobby and also Librarian's office. The Committee room and Staff room are on the first floor.

Various contracts for heating apparatus, furniture, gas fittings, etc., were entered into, the total of which amounts to about £900.

These items are not provided for in Mr. Carnegie's gift, and a loan will have to be raised to meet this expenditure. This will necessarily be a short-term loan, and the repayments will be a considerable burden upon the income of the Library for the next ten years. With the additional establishment and staff expenses, this will considerably reduce the amount available for the purchase of books.

In view of the opening of the Lecture Hall, a series of experimental free lectures have been organised, in co-operation with the Students' Association for North London. The services of most of the lecturers were obtained for the Committee by the Students' Association and its Organising Secretary, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for their valuable assistance; and the Town Hall was lent for the purpose by the Council.

The following lectures have been delivered to crowded and appreciative audiences, viz.:—

"Stephen Langton: Archbishop and patriot," by Rev. A. B. Boyd-Carpenter, M.A.

"Old Stoke Newington," by Rev. Preb. Shelford, M.A., R.D.

"The proper use of books," by J. Churton Collins, Esq., M.A.

"Germs: good and evil," by Henry R. Kenwood, Esq., M.B., D.P.H., F.C.S."

"'Punch': England's most popular comic paper," by W. E. Church, Esq.

"'George Eliot,' and her philosophy of life," by Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, M.A.

The Committee desires to cordially thank these gentlemen who have so generously given their services as Lecturers, and also Mr. Frank W. Baxter, and Mr. W. E. Harding, who, as Hon. Lanternists, added so much to the interest of the lectures they illustrated.

Several lectures have already been promised for next season, when it is intended to arrange for a longer series, and it is anticipated that these will be the means of stimulating a desire for study, and lead to a still higher standard of reading among borrowers from the Library.

The Committee has again provided most of the books recommended in connection with the local course of University Extension Lectures on the "French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era." A list of the works in the Library dealing with that period was published in "The Stoke Newington Recorder," by the courtesy of the Editor, who has also published, from time to time, lists of the books added to the Library.

Arrangements have been made with the National Telephone Company for the establishment of a Telephone Call Office in the Library, which will be available to the public during all hours when the Library building is open. It is expected that this will be installed ready for the opening of the extended building.

It was with deep regret that the Committee lost the services of its Chairman, the Rev. Preb. Shelford, upon his removal to St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

He assisted the movement for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts in 1890, was elected Chairman of the first Board of Commissioners, and retained this position until the abolition of that body in 1900. In 1901 he was elected Chairman of the succeeding Committee, and held this position until he left the neighbourhood.

The Library owes very much of its success to his untiring interest on its behalf, and a large portion of its stock to his generosity, and by his removal the Committee has lost a respected Chairman, and the Library a generous friend.

Of the members of the present Committee, only two gentlemen are included who have uninterruptedly held office as Commissioner and member of Committee since the establishment of the Library, viz.:—Alderman Eve and Mr. E. J. Sage.

At the annual election of the Committee in November, 1903, the Mayor, Councillor Glass, became an ex-officio member, Mr. Alderman Johnston (ex-Mayor) was elected a member, and Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A., was elected from outside the Council.

Alderman Eve was elected Chairman, and Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, Vice-Chairman.

The Committee feels that it cannot conclude this report without specially acknowledging the great help which it has received from the Librarian (Mr. George Preece) in the numerous details which have had to be considered in extending and remodelling the Library building.

WILLIAM EVE, *Chairman.*

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 9th, 1904.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough (estimated March, 1904)		52,600
Area		863 acres
Rateable value, March, 1904		£346,631
Public Libraries Acts adopted:—		
Stoke Newington		Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (and Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, absorbed)		July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed		March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened		October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened		October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened ...		July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated		November 9th, 1900
Milton Road Library closed		April 17th, 1901
	1902-3.	1903-4.
Total number of Volumes in stock ... ... (Exclusive of duplicates, etc., reserved for further consideration).	21,303	22,734
Increase	1,920	1,431
Total number of Volumes issued ... ... (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	136,179	153,272
Daily average issue	522	564
Average number of times which each book has been issued	6·4	6·7
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	4,400	4,480
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ...	161	144
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force	4,239	4,336
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	32	31
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about) ...	1,200	1,200

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.				
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.	Turnover.
Philosophy and religion	1,037	530	1,567	6·9	94	1,746	1,415	3,161	2·	2·
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	664	973	1,637	7·2	135	1,283	1,482	2,765	1·8	1·7
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	757	456	1,213	5·4	38	1,812	1,813	3,625	2·4	3·
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	491	267	758	3·4	42	1,765	1,743	3,508	2·3	4·6
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	577	246	823	3·6	55	2,904	1,697	4,601	3·	5·6
Literature and language	1,466	1,243	2,709	11·9	194	3,140	2,788	5,928	3·9	2·2
History, biography and travel ...	3,703	2,461	6,164	27·1	308	7,592	4,725	12,317	8·	2·
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	590	1,122	1,712	7·5	116	2,916	3,230	6,146	4·	3·6
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ...	1,507	—	1,507	6·6	309	20,183	—	20,183	13·2	13·4
Prose fiction	4,581	63	4,644	20·4	140	90,874	164	91,038	59·4	19·6
TOTAL	15,373	7,361	22,734	100·	1,431	134,215	19,057	153,272	100·	6·7

Daily average issue :—Lending Library, 502 ; Reference Library, 62. Total, 564.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of tickets in force, March 31st, 1904:—4,336.
Held by ratepayers, 889;
Other residents, etc., not ratepayers, 3,447.
Held by Females, 2,276; Males, 2,060.

Accountants	39
Actors and actresses	3
Advertising manager ...	1
Agents and collectors ...	62
Antiquarian	1
Apprentices	15
Architects and surveyors ...	16
Archivist	1
Artificial florists	4
Artists and draughtsmen ...	28
Assistants and salesmen ...	55
Auctioneers and estate agents	28
Authors and journalists ...	6
Average adjuster	1
Bailiff	1
Bakers and confectioners ...	21
Bankers	2
Barristers	2
Bill distributer	1
Biograph operators	2
Blindmaker	1
Boarding-house keeper ...	1
Bookbinders and folders ...	7
Booksellers and newsagents	16
Bootmakers	12
Brassfounder	1
Bricklayers	2
Broker	1
Brushmakers	2
Builders, contractors, and decorators	19
Butchers	11
Buyers	4
Cabinet makers	7
Camera makers	2
Caretakers	3
Carpenters and joiners ...	20
Cashiers	12
Caterers	3
Cellarmen	3
Chemists and dispensers ...	22
China dealer	1
Civil servants	49
Clergymen and ministers ...	8
Clerks and book-keepers ...	644
Club steward	1
Coachbuilders and painters...	5
Coal factor	1
Coachmen and cabmen ...	6
Compositors	15
Cooks	6
Corn merchants	4
Currier	1
Custom House officer ...	1
Cutlers	2
Cycle makers	2
Dairymen	2
Deaconess	1
Dental mechanics	5
Dentists	2
Designers	4
Diamond setters	2
Distillers	3
Domestic servants	26
Drapers and clothiers ...	23
Dressmakers and milliners...	67
Electrical casemaker ...	1
Electricians	16
Elocutionist	1
Embroideresses	4
Engineers	37
Engravers	6
Engravers' blockmaker ...	1
Feather worker	1
Fishmongers	3
Florists	6
Foreign correspondents ...	2
French polishers	2
Fruiterer	1
Furniture dealers	6
Furriers	5
Gardeners	4

Gasfitters	3
Gas inspectors	3
Glass beveller	1
Glass decorators	3
Gold and silversmiths ...	9
Governesses	2
Grocers	12
Gunmaker	1
Gymnastic teachers	2
Hairdressers	6
Hardware merchant	1
Hatter	1
Harness makers	3
Hosiers	3
Ironmongers	8
Jewel case maker	1
Lampmakers	2
Laundresses	2
Laundrymen	3
Law writers	6
Leather workers	9
Lecturers	3
Librarians	2
Licensed victuallers	11
Lithographers	4
Locksmith	1
Machinists	31
Managers and manageresses	28
Manufacturers	13
Mantle makers	10
Masons	2
Matron	1
Merchants and importers ...	24
Messengers	12
Metal workers	3
Mill hands	2
Municipal officers	2
Musicians	23
Naturalists	2
Nurses	5
Office and errand boys ...	27
Omnibus employees	7
Opticians	3
Organ builders	4
Organists	3
Packers	7
Painters and plumbers ...	15
Paper stainer	1
Pawnbrokers	3
Pencil maker	1
Pensioners	8
Photographers	15
Physicians and surgeons ...	8
Pianoforte makers and tuners	14
Picture frame makers ...	2
Plasterers	2
Plush bracket coverer ...	1
Police officers	18
Porters	9
Post Office employees ...	62
Potmen	3
Printers and readers ...	29
Provision merchants	8
Publisher	1
Railway employees	6
Rate collectors	2
Registrar	1
Revenue officers	3
Sanitary officers	3
Scholars and students ...	567
School attendance officers ...	2
Schoolmasters and mistresses	213
Scientific instrument makers	2
Secretaries	11
Setters out	2
Shirt makers	2
Sign writers	3
Smockers	2
Solicitors	8
Stick mounter	1
Stockbrokers	8
Storekeeper	1
Tailors and tailoresses ...	12
Tallow melter	1
Tax assessors	2
Tea taster	1
Tea brokers	2
Tie makers and cutters ...	2
Telegraphists	9
Telephone operators	11
Ticket writers	2
Time keepers	4
Tobacconists	3
Tramway employees ...	8
Travellers	56
Trimming makers	3
Trunk maker	1
Turner	1
Type founder	1
Typists and stenographers ...	21
Umbrella makers	2
Undergraduate	1
Undertaker	1
Upholsterers	6
Vanmen	4
Vellum sewer	1
Waitresses	4
Wardrobe dealers	3
Warehousemen	36
Watchmakers and jewellers	12
Wheelwright	1
Wood carvers	4
Not stated	1,358
Total ...	4,336

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Anonymous 2
Baxter, Mr. F. W. (Church Street) 13
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) ... 12
Bible and Tract Society (U.S.A.) 1
Birch, Mr. J. B. (Tottenham) 2
Board of Trade, Labour Department 5
British Museum, Trustees of the 8
Bunnin, Mr. T. (Chailey Street) 13
Bureau of Education (Washington) 1
Cassell & Co., Messrs. ... 1
Choate, Hon. J. H. 4
Collingwood Bros., Messrs. 2
Crawley, Mr. J. A. (Stamford Hill) 3
Doveton, Mr. F. B. ... 1
Edinburgh University ... 1
Edwards, Mr. R. J. (Barnsbury) 1
Farrer, Dowager Lady ... 2
Fletcher, Mr. G. (N.W. Territory) 1
H.M. Stationery Office Parliamentary Papers
Head, Mr. B.... 1
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's wood Terrace) 18
Hopwood, Mrs. (Church Street) 9
Hornsey Parochial Charities, Trustees of the ... 2
Hotson, Mrs. (Park Crescent) 9
Jessett, Mr. M. G. (Enfield) 2
Jones, Mrs. (Jenner Road)... 36
King's College (London) ... 1
Knapman, Mr. J. W. (Heathland Road) 3
Layton, Messrs. (Farringdon Street) 1
Lee, Miss Ward (Manor Road) 9
Levy, Mr. M. (Chancery Lane) 1
London, Corporation of the City of 1
London County Council ... 11
London Directory Co. (Abchurch Lane) 1
Lott, Mr. W. (Grayling Road) 1
Mather & Crowther, Messrs. (New Bridge Street) ... 1
Mess, Mr. H. A. (Grayling Road) 3
Metropolitan Asylums Board 1
Mongredien, Mr. A. (Burma Road) 3
Moore, Mrs. E. F. (Stamford Hill) 1
Natal, Agent-General for ... 1
National Union of Teachers 1
Naval Architects, Institute of 19
Page, Mr. G. A. (Aden Terrace) 1
Patent Office Library ... 12
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. (Cannon Street) ... 1
Rau, Mr. R. V. S. (Madras) 1
Reid, Miss (Highbury) ... 1
Reid, Mr. W. L. (Green Lanes) 4
Roberts, Mr. C. H. (Wilberforce Road) 1
Shaylor, Councillor (Gloucester Road) 1
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A. 20
Shoreditch Borough Council 1
South Eastern Railway Co. 1
Southport, Corporation of ... 1
Sparks, Councillor (Church Street) 1
Stephens, Mrs. (St. Paul's Road) 1
Swansea Improvement Association 1
Technical Education Board 1
Tonic Sol-fa College ... 1
Trinity College (London) ... 1
Turner, Mrs. (Clissold Road) 1
Tutorial Press (London) ... 2
Western Australia, Agent General for 1
Williams, Mr. J. A. (Albion Road) 9
Wright, Mr. T. (Olney) ... 1
Yarmouth, Corporation of ... 1

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne, E., J.P., D.L., £1 1s.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Reproduction of a Prospect of the City of London and Westminster. By John Kip, 1710.
Baxter, Mr. Frank (Church Street). Design for Library Bookplate.
Cone, Mr. H. K. (Church Street). Plan of London.
Farquhar, Miss (Brownswood Road). Unbound magazines.
Lee, Miss Ward (Manor Road). Parcel of architectural plates.
Littlewood, Mr. A. (Church Street). Portrait of the Rev. Preb. Jackson.
Runtz, Sir J. J. Letter to the late Mr. John Runtz forwarding key of Clissold Park.
Sage, Mr. E. J. (Lordship Park). Plan of Clapton Park Estate, 1864.
Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road). Local programmes, etc.
White, Councillor S., B.A., LL.D. Photo of the complimentary dinner to Sir J. J. Runtz.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Councillor (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph.
Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.
Bateman, Miss. Stoke Newington Presbyterian Church monthly record.
Baxter, Miss (Church Street). Hockey field.
Baxter, Mr. D. (Colchester). Catholic fireside.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express, Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Miss (Church Street). Answers.
Blackmore, Mr. C. (Church Street). Feathered world.
Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animal's Friend, Herald of the Golden Age.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Davies, Mr. M. M. (Osbaldeston Road). T.P.'s weekly.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' parish magazine.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist, Temperance record.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayes, Mr. W. (Hawksley Road). Catholic times.
Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. (Gloucester Road). St. John the Evangelist parish magazine.
Power, Rev. S., B.A. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk). St. Mary's parish magazine.
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Rowley, Mr. W. W. (Albion Road). Glad tidings of the coming age.
Savery, Alderman (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Stuart, Mr A. (Carysfort Road). Children's garden.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). Examiner.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

Hackney Board of Guardians. London County Council. Metropolitan Asylums Board. Metropolitan Water Board. School Board for London. Stoke Newington Borough Council. Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, ETC.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Finsbury, Fulham, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Brentford, Bromley, Bury, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Cleveland, U.S.A., Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hanley, Hornsey, Hove, Kendal, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Leeds, Leyton, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, Newark, Newcastle, New York, Oxford (Bodleian), Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Runcorn, Southampton, Stockport, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wimbledon.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Cook's Continental, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council List of Workmen's trains and trams.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Engineer. v. 80, 1895.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v.1—27, 39.
Illustrated London News. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly review. Vols. 78, 80, 100, 126, 128-133, 160, 164-69.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43-50, 1873-80.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1887; 1893.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1-41.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the publishers.

† Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily express
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Echo
Evening news
Evening standard
*Financial news
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
St. James's gazette
Standard
Star
Sun
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
†Answers
Architect
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Bakers' times
*Banner of Israel
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
British journal of photography
British weekly
Builder
*Building news
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
Christian world
Church times
City press (bi-weekly)
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
†Co-operative news
*Councillor and guardian
*County gentleman
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
†Electrical review
Electrician
†Electricity
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
†Essex telegraph
*Ethics
†Examiner
Exchange and mart (Friday ed.)
Feathered world
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney mercury
*Hackney spectator
*Hackney standard
†Hockey field
*Hornsey and Finsbury Park journal
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Irish times
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
King and his Navy and Army
Lady's pictorial
*Laundry journal
Literary world
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*London argus
Londoner general-anzieger
*Motor cycle
Municipal journal
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
Notes and queries
*Phonetic journal
Pilot
*Poor law officers' journal
*Property market record

*Public health engineer
Punch
Queen
*Railway review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scotsman
*Shoe and leather record
Sketch
†South African news
Speaker
Spectator
Stage
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
†T.P.'s weekly
*Tottenham and Stamford Hill times
*Tottenham herald (Wed. ed.)
Truth
Vanity Fair
Westminster budget
Work
World

MONTHLY.

†Abolitionist
*Anglo-Russian
Animal world
†Animals' friend
Bookman
Book monthly
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
Cassell's magazine
Century
*Chamber of Commerce journal
Chambers' journal
*Charity record
†Children's garden
*Child's guardian
*Church of England league gazette
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
*Cook's travellers' gazette
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Everyday electricity
*Food and cookery
Fortnightly review
*Free Russia
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
*Glad tidings
Good words
*G.W.R. magazine
Harper's magazine
*Herald of health
†Herald of peace
†Herald of the Golden Age
†Humanitarian
*Insurance agent
*Insurance spectator
*Inventors' review
*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
Knowledge
*Labour co-partnership
*Labour gazette
*Liberator
*Liberty review
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
*London, seaside and country
Macmillan's magazine
Magazine of art
Manual training teacher
Monthly review
*Musical herald
*Musical news
Musical times
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
National review
*Nature notes
*Navy league journal
*New Church magazine
Nineteenth century and after
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Plumber and decorator
†Presbyterian Church record
†Quadrant magazine
Railway magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. John the Evangelist parish magazine
†St. Mary's parochial magazine
†St. Matthias' parish magazine
*Sales and wants
*Script phonographic journal
*Sons of temperance
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Tailor and cutter

*Technical education gazette
†Temperance record
†Temperance times
*Tool and machinery register
*Travel
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
*Vegetarian
†Wheatsheaf
Windsor magazine
*Writing machine news
*Young journalist
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

Art workers' quarterly
*Anti-slavery reporter
*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
*Faraday House journal
Home counties magazine
†Journal of the Geological Society
Quarterly review

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1904 (subject to Government audit).

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement (£5 15*s.* 0½*d.*, less borrowers deposits £2 10*s.* 0*d.*)				3	5	0½
Rates, actual produce of 1*d.* in the £ ...				1,378	13	10½
Fines and Penalties...	92	3	2			
Donations and Subscriptions	7	1	0			
Readers' tickets	18	13	4			
Catalogues	12	4	0			
Rent of land	1	10	0			
Advertisements	38	12	0			
Postcards	4	3	0			
Miscellaneous	7	7	1			
				181	13	7
				£1,563	12	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Furniture	11	0	1
Gas and Mantles...	62	3	7
Coal and Coke	21	18	6
Water	6	13	0
Taxes and Insurance	18	12	1
Cleaning Materials	13	5	10
Books	304	10	1
Binding	97	9	8
Newspapers and Magazines	87	3	1
Salaries and Wages	575	8	3
Printing and Stationery	84	9	8
Loans : Principal and Interest...	184	6	4
Subscription to Library Association	1	1	0
Postages and Sundries	22	10	3
Balance	73	1	1
	£1,563	12	6

BUILDING EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Andrew Carnegie, Esq., on a/c of Gift of £4,450	4,000	0	0
	£4,000	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
On a/c of New Building and Architect's Fee ...	3,355	0	0
Balance	645	0	0
	£4,000	0	0

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART 2. Loan Account—Year ended 31st March, 1904.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amounts paid this year. Principal.			Amounts paid this year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of year.		
		£		Years.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site.	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½%	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	900	9	1	11	1	7	31	8	5	889	7	6
2	Erection of Building.	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½%	60 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	1,992	2	4	72	14	5	69	1	11	1,919	7	11
									2,892	11	5	83	16	0	100	10	4	2,808	15	5

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Accountant.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The READING ROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals. The railway time books are also placed in this room.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS) 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY and Magazine Room, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS) 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Borough; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS), 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The READING ROOM is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other weekdays from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other days (except Wednesdays) from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY and READING ROOM are closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and the LENDING LIBRARY is closed on Bank Holidays.

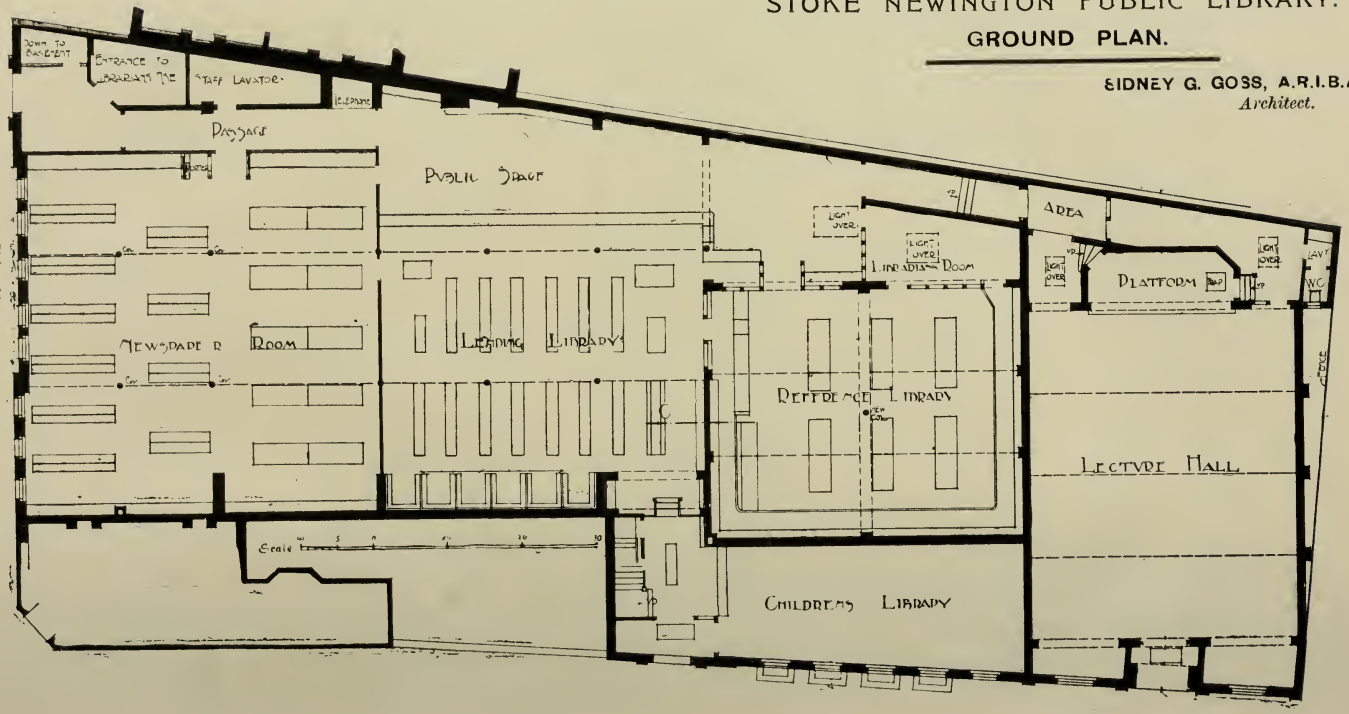
ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The advertisement sheets of the "Daily Chronicle" are posted outside the Library, and of the "Daily Chronicle" and "Daily Telegraph" outside the Town Hall in Milton Road, each morning at seven o'clock.

STOKE NEWINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GROUND PLAN.

SIDNEY G. GOSS, A.R.I.B.A.,
Architect.



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OF

STOKE NEWINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1904–5.

LIBRARY HALL.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1904–5.

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN ERNEST C. PRICE, J.P.) *Ex-officio.*

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,, EDWARD J. SAGE, 64, Lordship Park.
‖ † ,, CHARLES WELCH, F.S.A., 438, Seven Sisters Road.

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GEORGE PREECE.

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B. J. HARPER.

Assistants :

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Junior :

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Porter :

CHARLES BLACKMORE.

Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Fifteenth
Annual Report, Year ended March 31st, 1905.

In submitting its Annual Report, the Public Libraries Committee is again pleased to record a considerable growth in the various branches of its work.

The stock of books in the Library is now 23,962 volumes, the nett increase during the year being 1,228. The Lending Library, including 1,571 volumes in the Juvenile Department, contains 15,948 volumes, and the Reference Library 8,014.

The total number of volumes issued during the year was 143,232, representing a daily average of 590. This is an increase on the daily average issue over the previous year of 26, and is the highest yet recorded.

The percentage of each class of literature in stock and issue, shows very little variation as compared with the previous year. The fiction percentage has slightly decreased, being now 20 of the stock, and 57·5 of the issue, as compared with 20·4 and 59·4 in 1903-4. The percentage of Juvenile literature has slightly increased.

Borrowers' tickets have been issued to, or renewed by, 4,480 persons during the year. Of these tickets, 110 were cancelled, leaving 4,370 in force on March 31st, an increase of 34 over the previous year.

894 tickets are held by ratepayers, 3,476 by non-ratepaying residents, employees, etc.; 2,324 are held by females, and 2,046 by males. 936 borrowers reside in the South Hornsey Ward, 3,350 in the other wards of the Borough, and 84 are non-resident employees and subscribers. 444 tickets are held by children under 14 years of age.

The old Library building was closed on May 7th, 1904, for the purpose of re-arrangements and renovations. The Lending and Reference Libraries remained closed for six weeks, the new Library Hall being used as a temporary Reading Room. During

this period the Lending Library books were thoroughly examined and checked, when 4 volumes were unaccounted for. This loss is for a period of two years, and covers the time of reorganisation. The Reference Library books were checked during the process of rearrangement in the new Reference Library, and were all accounted for. 283 volumes have been withdrawn from stock as worn out or too dirty for circulation, 4 have been lost through the borrowers removing from the district, whom the librarian has been unable to trace, and 14 have been lost or damaged by borrowers, who have repaid the cost of new copies. Of the withdrawn and lost books, 278 have been replaced.

The opening ceremony of the extended and remodelled building was performed on Saturday, June 11th, 1904, by the Mayor, Mr. Councillor John Glass, J.P., who was accompanied by the Mayoress.

The ceremony took place in the new Library Hall, where a large and representative company was assembled.

Mr. Alderman Eve, Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, presided, and gave a résumé of the history of the Library from its establishment in 1890, of the proceedings in connection with the present extension scheme, and of the munificent action of Mr. Andrew Carnegie in relieving the Committee of its financial difficulties in connection therewith. He also presented a statement of the cost of the buildings and furniture, showing that the expenditure would considerably exceed Mr. Carnegie's gift. With a view of at once providing a portion of the extra amount required, he then handed to the Mayor the sum of £500, as a donation to the Library, desiring that it should be spent entirely in the discretion of the Public Libraries Committee, unfettered by the Public Libraries Act.

The Mayor, in a felicitous address on the use of Libraries and delights of reading, declared the building open for the use of the public, and gratefully acknowledged Mr. Carnegie's munificence and the generous gift just made by Mr. Alderman Eve.

On the motion of Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the following vote of thanks was unanimously passed, viz.:—

"That the inhabitants of Stoke Newington, in public meeting assembled, hereby record their gratitude to Andrew Carnegie, Esq., LL.D., for his munificence in supplying the funds for the extension of the Stoke Newington Public Library, and express a hope that his career may incite the rising generation to a life of honesty, industry, and courage."

A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Alderman Eve for his generous gift was also passed with acclamation.

The Mayor then unveiled a bronze medallion portrait of Mr. Carnegie, which had been presented by Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, and also a marble tablet recording Mr. Carnegie's donation, and the opening of the extended building, after which a reception was held by the Mayor and Mayoress in the Library.

The Committee, after careful consideration, decided to allocate Mr. Alderman Eve's gift as follows:— £300 for the purpose of meeting a portion of the extra expenditure on the building and furniture, £100 for the purchase of books, and £100 as a special fund to meet such expenditure, principally in respect of free lectures, as may not be legally incurred under the Public Libraries Acts.

The total cost of the building and furniture amounted to £5,591 9s. 0d., and £100 13s. 0d. was expended on the renovation of the old portion of the building.

After allowing for Mr. Carnegie's donation of £4,450, and £300 from Mr. Alderman Eve's donation, a balance of £841 9s. 0d. remained to be provided on the new building account. In order to meet this the Committee proposes to raise the sum of £800 by loan, and the balance of £41 9s. 0d. and the cost of renovations have been paid out of current account. The Local Government Board has been applied to for its sanction to the proposed loan.

A general feeling was expressed that some public mark of appreciation should be shown for the long and valuable public services rendered to Stoke Newington by Mr. Alderman Eve, and especially for his work in connection with the Library, including his recent generous donation to its funds.

A representative committee was formed, with Mr. Frank E. Manley as hon. secretary, and it was resolved that Mr. Alderman Eve's portrait be painted in oils, and placed in the Library. Subscriptions covering the cost were soon forthcoming, and a very successful and pleasing three-quarter length life-size portrait was painted by Miss Olive Thistlethwaite.

This was presented to the Council by a deputation, on behalf of the subscribers, and hung in the Reading Room. The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Mayor, Mr. Councillor Glass, on October 12th, 1904, in the presence of a large gathering of subscribers and others.

The frame bears the following inscription:—

WILLIAM EVE
Alderman and Ex-Mayor of Stoke Newington,
Chairman of Library Committee.
Presented by the inhabitants of the Borough,
October, 1904.

General satisfaction has been expressed with the arrangement of the extended building, the accommodation provided, and its suitability for the purpose for which it was intended. The three essentials—space, light, and easy supervision—have been very successfully provided for, and the Committee desires again to specially acknowledge the great help which it has received from the librarian (Mr. George Preece) in all the numerous details which had to be considered in extending and remodelling the Library so as to satisfy the requirements of all branches of library work.

The increased accommodation has been followed by increased and increasing use of all departments.

In the Reference Library a considerably larger attendance is noted, and with the greater quiet afforded by the new room, the arrangement of the majority of the books within sight of readers, and the continued addition of many important books, this increase is likely to continue.

A larger number of encyclopædias, dictionaries, and general handbooks have been placed on the open shelves, and no record is kept of their use, so that the recorded issue does not represent more than half the actual use of the department.

The newspaper and magazine readers have not been neglected, and in the enlarged Reading Room a greater degree of comfort has been obtained. The increased attendance in this room has been almost proportionate to the increased accommodation, and, while crowding has not yet caused any inconvenience, the room is much used and highly appreciated.

The separation of the Children's Library from the general Lending Library, and the opening of the Children's Reading Room, have been fully justified by the large attendance in that department, and by the greater quiet and comfort secured in the Lending Library Lobby.

23,145 volumes were issued to children during the year, and the Reading Room has been crowded nightly during the winter. Admission to the Reading Room was at first allowed to all children over ten years of age, without restriction, but this freedom has had to be withdrawn. Admission is now restricted to holders of tickets, which are granted on the recommendation of a schoolmaster or schoolmistress.

An appeal has been made for suitable framed pictures for hanging in the Children's Reading Room, but the only response to the appeal was by Mr. S. James, who presented three pictures.

The wisdom of including a Lecture Hall in the extension scheme has been fully proved by the manner in which the Free Lectures have been attended and appreciated. It is also hoped

that the receipts from the hire of the Hall, when it is not required for Library purposes, will nearly provide for the repayment of the principal and interest on the proposed loans.

On the Monday following the opening ceremony a most successful entertainment was given in the new Hall under the direction of Mr. A. W. Mackenzie. This was "An evening with Shakespeare," and consisted of glees, part-songs, solos, recitations and tableaux illustrating some of Shakespeare's works.

Sixteen Free Lectures and one dramatic recital were arranged during the winter season, and the success of these has been very gratifying. The Hall was crowded on nearly every occasion, and on some occasions large numbers were turned away.

The following list will show their varied character, viz. :—

"Personal recollections of the early Victorian navy," by Paymaster-in-Chief W. Blakeney, R.N. With lantern illustrations.

"Garibaldi," by Mr. J. Holland Rose, Litt.D. With lantern illustrations.

"The ancient Livery Guilds of the City of London," by Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A. With lantern illustrations.

"Alfred the Great," by Rev. A. B. Boyd-Carpenter, M.A.

"The wood wind instruments used in the modern orchestra," by Mr. T. R. Croger, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S. With instrumental illustrations.

"Wyclif: preacher and politician," by Rev. H. B. Colchester, M.A.

"Milton's Paradise lost," by Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L. With lantern illustrations.

"Dramatic recital," arranged by Mr. A. W. Mackenzie.

"Beautiful bookbindings: the evolution of the modern form of book by Mr. Cecil Davenport, V.D., F.S.A. With lantern illustrations.

"London's children at school and play," by Mr. Hugh B. Philpott. With lantern illustrations.

"Impressions of America," by Mr. Councillor J. R. Brough. With lantern illustrations.

"Philosophy and religion of Thomas Carlyle," by Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, M.A.

"Our eyes, and how to aid them," by Mr. Arthur W. Ormond, F.R.C.S. Eng., etc. With lantern illustrations.

"How the modern motor car works," by Mr. Douglas Mackenzie, A.M.I.Mech.E. With lantern illustrations.

"Dips into diaries, with divers diversions," by Mr. S. W. Casserley, LL.B.

"Adulteration of foods," by Professor Henry Kenwood, M.B., D.P.H., F.C.S., etc.

"Charles and Mary Lamb," by Mr. W. E. Church.

An illustrated lecture on the "Romance of a piece of coal" was delivered to the children by Dr. S. Miall, LL.D., B.Sc., and Readings and Talks have also been given by the following:—

To girls and boys.—By Lady Runtz and Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A., both with lantern illustrations.

To girls.—By Mrs. Eve, Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Eve, Miss H. Mackenzie, B.A., B.Sc., and Miss Scarr.

To boys.—By Mr. F. W. Baxter, Mr. F. E. Bourne, Rev. C. Knight, Mr. A. E. Munro, B.A., and Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, M.A.

The Committee desires to express its gratitude to the above mentioned ladies and gentlemen, who have so generously given their services, to Mr. F. W. Baxter and Mr. W. E. Harding for manipulating the lantern, and also to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the opening entertainment and dramatic recital.

The Committee further desires to thank the Committee of the Students' Association for North London, and its organising Secretary, for their assistance in securing the services of many of the lecturers, and Mr. A. W. Mackenzie for his work in connection with the organisation of the readings to children.

Lists of books on the subject matter of the lectures and readings have been prepared, and an increased interest in the books so listed has been evinced.

The sum apportioned from Mr. Alderman Eve's gift has removed the difficulties in connection with expenditure for Free Lectures. Out of this fund a good bi-unial lantern and accessories have been purchased, and various other items of expenditure have been provided for, which could not have been paid from the Library Rate account.

In consequence of the extra expenditure on the building extension and renovations, a smaller amount than usual has been available for purchasing books. The sum expended on the purchase of new books and replacement of worn-out volumes amounted to £191, and on binding, £98.

The additions to the Lending Library do not call for any special note, but all classes of literature have been strengthened by carefully selected additions.

The following are the principal books purchased for the Reference Library:—

Hennessy's "Novum repertorium ecclesiasticum parochiale Londinense"; Jameson's "Sacred and legendary art," 2 vols.; Jane's "All the world's fighting ships"; Richards' "Her

Majesty's army," 3 vols.; Ray and Palæontographical Societies' Publications (contd.); Britton's "Architectural antiquities," 5 vols.; Brandon's "Analysis of Gothic architecture," 2 vols.; Shaw's "Encyclopædia of ornament"; Pugin's "Fifteenth and sixteenth century ornaments"; Granger's "Index to poetry and recitations"; Adams' "Dictionary of the drama"; Poole's "Index to periodical literature," 4 vols.; Keat's Poetical works, edited by Forman; Shelley's Poetical works, edited by Forman, 4 vols.; Dryden's Works, edited by Saintsbury, 18 vols.; Swift's Works, edited by Scott, 19 vols.; Burke's Works, 8 vols.; Murray's Handbooks for Denmark, Greece and Palestine, 3 vols.; Besant's "London in the time of the Stuarts"; "National worthies, selected from the National Portrait Gallery"; Purchas' Voyages, vols. 1-2; Knox's Glossary of geographical terms"; Stanford's "Geological atlas of Great Britain."

Many important donations of books, prints, etc., have been received, to the donors of which the Committee again tenders its grateful thanks.

The following, selected from a long list, are of special importance:—

The handsome donation of 224 volumes, presented by the Guildhall Library Committee, per Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A.; 210 volumes by Miss Pearson, per Mr. A. W. Mackenzie; 36 volumes by Mr. Alderman Johnston; 45 volumes by Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A., including volumes completing the Committee's set of Library Association publications; and 60 volumes, by Mr. F. Howse.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie presented two valuable volumes, Hornaday's "American natural history" and Grotius' "Rights of war and peace."

Mr. Frank E. Manley presented a set of the first editions of Hood's "Comic Annuals," 1830-42, in 11 volumes.

Various prints, maps, etc., have been presented, including a valuable collection of 140 lantern slides of Stoke Newington, Islington, Hackney, and Hornsey, by Rev. Preb. Shelford, M.A.; the London Topographical Society's reproduction of Morgan's "London Actually Survey'd, 1681-2," and Morden and Lea's "Prospect of London and Westminster, 1682," by Mr. Wynne E. Baxter; a valuable water-colour drawing, by William Varley, of the remains of "Bishop's Place," an old mansion which formerly stood at the corner of Newington Green, by Mr. E. J. Sage; a collection of 15 framed prints of Stoke Newington and district, by Mr. R. E. Enright; an interesting "Plan of Islington, reduced from the survey of 1805-6," by Mr. T. C. Vernon Leach; and 20 Hackney prints, by Mr. Alderman Savery.

A very useful chronological list of works of fiction in the Juvenile Library, with annotations, and chronological list of historical novels in the General Library have been compiled and presented by Mr. Frank W. Baxter.

Other additions to the local collection of books, prints, etc., have been presented by Rev. Preb. Shelford, M.A., and Messrs. J. Cruse, D. Hipwell, F. E. Manley, W. D. Sievey, and J. R. Spratling.

The text books, recommended in connection with the local course of University Extension Lectures, on "The Inspiration of Greece," not already in the Library, were purchased, and a special reading list on the subject prepared by the Librarian.

A Telephone Call Office has been opened, the cabinet being placed in the Library Lobby, and this has been largely used by frequenters of the Library.

The Committee regrets to report that shortly after the completion of the building a large portion of lead was stolen from the roof. The cost of relaying the lead amounted to £22, and in addition, a considerable outlay will have to be incurred in repairing the damage done to the interior of the building by the inflow of water.

Several mutilations of books, directories, and periodicals have also been recently reported to the Committee. The mutilations of books are nearly all confined to the directories and handbooks placed on the open shelves, and in the case of periodicals, the ladies' fashion papers suffer most.

In January last, a man was given into custody for stealing a portion of the "Daily Graphic," and after having been remanded in custody for ten days, was bound over in the sum of £10 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

Notices giving particulars of this prosecution have been posted in the Library, and readers have been requested to assist the Library staff in detecting offenders.

There has been no change in the personnel of the Committee, except through the change of Mayor, Mr. Alderman Price, J.P., the present Mayor, taking the place of Mr. Councillor Glass, ex-Mayor, as an ex-officio member.

Mr. Alderman Eve has again been elected Chairman, and Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., Vice-Chairman.

The continued illness of Mr. E. J. Sage, one of its most valued members, has prevented him from taking an active part in the work during the past winter, but the Committee hopes to again have the benefit of his assistance very soon.

The Librarian reports that the assistants, senior and junior, have performed their duties satisfactorily and intelligently. The junior assistants have shown a desire to improve their knowledge of library work, and during the winter the Librarian and Sub-Librarian (Mr. Harper) have held weekly classes, for the purpose of giving them instruction, and preparing them for the classes and examinations organised by the Library Association. This is gratifying, as the result of any increase in their knowledge must necessarily be—work more efficiently performed.

WILLIAM EVE, *Chairman.*

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 8th, 1905.

REPORT OF THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXTENSION, JUNE 11th, 1904.

(From the "Stoke Newington Recorder," June 17th, 1904.)

That was a memorable and pleasant function in the local history of Stoke Newington which took place on Saturday afternoon, when the extension to the Library, and the Lecture Hall, built by the princely gift (£4,450) of Dr. Andrew Carnegie, was opened by the Mayor of Stoke Newington (Mr. Councillor John Glass, J.P.), who was accompanied by the Mayoress. The ceremony took place in the new Lecture Hall in the presence of a large audience very representative of the Borough.

On the platform were the Mayor (Mr. Councillor John Glass, J.P.), the Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, M.A. (Rector), and the following members of the Public Libraries Committee:—Aldermen W. Eve (Chairman), Andrew Johnston, and W. H. Savery, Councillors T. Blower, J. R. Brough, J. Shaylor, S. White, LL.D., B.A., G. B. Winckworth, and C. V. Young, Messrs. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L. (Vice-Chairman), A. W. Mackenzie, F. E. Manley, and Chas. Welch, F.S.A., with Mr. George Webb (Town Clerk), Mr. George Preece (Librarian and Clerk), Mr. Sidney G. Goss, A.R.I.B.A. (Architect), and Mr. Perry, representing the builders.

At the outset of the proceedings the "Old Hundredth" was impressively sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, Rector of Stoke Newington.

Alderman William Eve, who presided, said: I have to announce that several of those invited have sent apologies for being unable to be present, including Mr. W. R. Bousfield, M.P. for North Hackney; Captain Balfour, M.P. for the Hornsey Division of Middlesex; and our late Chairman, the Rev. Prebendary L. E. Shelford, who is still away from London. Mr. E. J. Sage, one of our first Commissioners, I am sorry to say, is not well enough to come. Mr. Alfred Royle, a member of the sub-committee for carrying out this work, who has done a great deal towards carrying it out, I am sorry to say is also too ill to be present.

It becomes my duty to make what is called in the programme "a brief statement." I should like to refer to striking events which have happened during the period that this Library has been established. In 1890, when we adopted the Public Libraries Act, we were the first in London who succeeded in adopting it without a poll. That was always looked upon as very creditable to Stoke Newington. We obtained designs for a building, and the one selected was by Mr. Goss, who has also erected this building. I think that his designs are very suitable. I never found a building better adapted, for the capacity that it had, than our old building. We completed it by 1892. Mr. Passmore Edwards, who then opened the building, gave us a thousand volumes, which were a very helpful addition to the books we then had, numbering five thousand in all.

The next event that I shall call attention to happened in 1893, when we succeeded in getting our Librarian, Mr. Preece. (Applause.) I am very glad to hear that appreciative welcome of his name—it is very well deserved. I believe that to his earnest zeal and tactful management most of the success of our Library is due. Next we come to a period when South Hornsey joined us. It then became quite apparent that it was necessary to enlarge our borders. We had an increased amount of money to spend, but obligations were much

LIBRARY ELEVATION TO CHURCH STREET.

LIBRARY HALL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.
(*Photos by Messrs. Pearce & Smith*).

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greater. We wanted to enlarge the premises, and obtained estimates for that purpose. At that juncture our noble friend, Dr. Carnegie—(loud applause)—stepped in.

That is the crowning event to which I should like to call attention. If Mr. Passmore Edwards had not opened the institution, although we are very much indebted to him, we could have got somebody else. I remember the saying, "There are as good fish in the sea as ever were caught," and if we had not Mr. Preece, we might have found somebody, although I hope that it will be a long time before we go fishing. But you might go fishing for a long time before finding another Carnegie. (Loud applause.) I will not enlarge upon that, because you will see that a resolution is to be submitted to you expressing our gratitude to him. The next point that I wish to call attention to is that the Library when first opened contained about 5,000 books, and that it now has 23,000.

The worst of these occasions is that there is always something to mar the otherwise satisfactory result which I hope you will think has been brought about. What mars that enjoyment and is pressing very much on my colleagues of the Library Committee is that we have to pay for the expenses of heating, lighting, redecorating, and various other matters as a result of moving into the fresh building. I am sorry to say that that expense runs into about four figures. That is a very great burden on our resources. I am afraid that I am the cause, to some considerable extent, for its being so large, because I thought that we should try to make a good job. I am going to take the opportunity of removing part of that difficulty at once by handing to the Mayor a Bank of England note for £500. (Loud and continued applause.) I must ask him to bank it, and not to put it into the coffers of the Council, because I am very desirous that it should be spent in the best way by the Committee, and that they should be unfettered by any Acts of Parliament, in promoting the usefulness of this institution. (Renewed applause.)

We had hoped that Dr. Carnegie would be here, and our worthy Mayor would have been satisfied to occupy the position that I fill. But he is unable to be present, and therefore we resorted to our Mayor. He has not the millions that Dr. Carnegie has, but, if he has not the millions, he has a great many millions to manage. Stoke Newington, although the smallest Borough in the Metropolis, succeeded in sending a representative whom the other members thought was the right man for the Vice-Chairmanship of the Water Board. (Loud applause.) So he has been able to manage millions.

I have now to announce that Dr. Carnegie has not forgotten the institution which is opened to-day, for he has sent to the Library a very interesting book on "American Natural History," which will be placed in the Reference Library.

I have to ask you, Mr. Mayor, to declare the institution open, and to ask your acceptance of a bound volume of the catalogue up to date. (Loud applause.)

The Mayor, who was enthusiastically greeted, said: When your Chairman rose he told us that on the programme it was announced that he would make a brief statement, but his generosity which accompanied that statement is so overwhelming to myself, and such a surprise to everyone at this end of the room, that it is impossible for me to adequately thank Mr. Alderman Eve. It is not the first time that our Chairman has exhibited generosity in a similar way. Whatever might be said about Dr. Carnegie, however grateful we are for having out of his bountiful riches helped the Library Committee in their undertaking, I think that the Borough of Stoke Newington will feel even more grateful,

if possible, to their friend and neighbour, Mr. Alderman Eve, for the munificent donation which he has just handed to me. (Loud applause.)

I suppose that before I proceed to the easy part of my task, which would be to declare this Library open and dedicated to the inhabitants of Stoke Newington for ever, I should say a few words upon the occasion that has brought us together to-day. The first thing that we ought to do is to congratulate the Chairman and the members of the Library Committee upon the very successful manner in which they have carried out this extension of the Library. I am sure that if Dr. Carnegie were here he would feel that we had devoted the money which he so generously presented to us in a very satisfactory way. It is marvellous, when you consider the small cost of the buildings, to see how well the work has been carried out; it is marvellous that the Committee have done what they have with so small an amount at their disposal. They are to be heartily thanked by the inhabitants of the Borough upon the zeal which they have thrown into their work.

The next thing is as to the object of public libraries generally, which perhaps is not quite understood by everybody. Some people think that they are simply for recreation. There is a very much higher motive than that in the promotion of these libraries—they tend to the spread of education, and education, as we all feel, is the handmaid of religion, the foundation upon which all civil society and good government must rest, and upon which the true principles of nations can safely be founded. The blessings of a Library like this for the people are almost untold. I had some experience in my small way some years ago of the benefits of a library. It was my lot when young, a great many years ago—(laughter)—to live in a city where I knew very few people; but there was—what was really a very uncommon thing in those days—a public Library, with a reading-room. Although the library and reading-room would in these more modern days be considered ill-lighted, and perhaps worse ventilated—(laughter)—to me and to many others it was a very palace of delight; and to young men, especially those who are away from home, I know of no greater delight than to be able to go to a well-lighted reading-room and have at their disposal so magnificent a library as is here for their use. (Applause.)

This should indeed be a day of rejoicing. May the people of Stoke Newington and their children and children's children enjoy the blessings of this Library. May those upon whom the administration of this Institution will devolve be endowed with prudence and wisdom to so conduct the affairs of management that the inhabitants of the Borough may derive the fullest possible benefits from the Library and its adjuncts. In conclusion, I beg to thank the Committee for this handsomely-bound volume of catalogues, and with extreme pleasure publicly declare this Library, Reading-room, and Lecture Hall open and dedicated to the inhabitants of this Borough for ever. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., the Vice-Chairman of the Libraries Committee, said: You will see by the programme that I have a duty to perform at the present moment. If the Committee had known of the generous donation of £500 by Mr. Alderman Eve, that programme would have been materially altered; but still the programme must be adhered to. It is my duty to propose here a vote of thanks to Dr. Andrew Carnegie. (Loud applause.) You will notice that the cost of the building would have been thrown upon the Library Rate of the Borough, but this magnificent extension which the Mayor has just opened has not been produced by anybody within the Borough. The cost has been met, not by anybody within this Borough, but by a perfect stranger, a gentleman who may not even have been within its precincts.

Dr. Carnegie—for he is a doctor, having been made so by two Universities—started life in Dunfermline, in Scotland. He was the son of a comparatively poor master weaver who was compelled to relinquish business in consequence of the introduction of machinery. The family then went to America, and young Carnegie at the age of twelve was engaged in a factory at Pittsburg as bobbin boy at five shillings a week. Ultimately he became a telegraph operator, and by and by interested in the oil and steel trusts, his business connections in after years assuming such gigantic proportions that on the first day of the present century he was able to retire with a fortune variously estimated at from twenty-five to forty millions. (Applause.)

There are two points in connection with this magnificent fortune. He never inherited a penny, and the whole of the fortune has been amassed by honest industry, and is not due to any speculation. The second point is that, having gained this enormous fortune, he was not desirous of spending it on founding a family. He made up his mind that he would spend it for the public good. Some years ago he invented the aphorism that "the man who dies rich dies disgraced." Unless he live to a good old age he will not spend all his money, even at the generous rate at which he is spending it, although his intention is good. We can only honour it. This is the man to whom we are indebted for the extension of the Library. We have children in this institution, and I trust that none will forget the donor, and that they will be actuated by the same motives as he was, and that if they obtain anything like the same success they will use the success in the same honourable manner.

He moved the following resolution:—"That the inhabitants of Stoke Newington in public meeting assembled hereby record their gratitude to Andrew Carnegie, LL.D., for his munificence in supplying the funds for the extension of the Stoke Newington Public Library, and express a hope that his career may incite the rising generation to a life of honesty, industry, and courage. That the Mayor be requested to telegraph this resolution to Dr. Carnegie." (Loud applause.)

Alderman Johnston: I have much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Dr. Carnegie. It seems to me that the function this afternoon is a happy sequel to the ceremony of a few months ago, when I had the honour and pleasure of laying the foundation-stone of this new building. I want to show you how very important this money gift by Dr. Carnegie is to us. The income from the rates for Public Libraries is limited to one penny in the pound, which in Stoke Newington produces only about £1,400. In 1903 we spent some £500 in books and binding, and with another £200 half our income would have been gone. If we had to borrow the money for this extension we should have been able to buy very few books. Thanks to the munificence of our Chairman half the debt remaining has been cleared off, and our work in the future will be very little curtailed. If Dr. Carnegie could be here I am sure that he would be perfectly satisfied that there is full value for his money. This hall has been wanted for some time. (Applause.)

The Chairman here announced that Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, Vice-chairman of the Libraries Committee, had presented a bronze medallion of Dr. Carnegie, and he would now ask the Mayor to unveil it.

Alderman Eve had just uttered the words "unveil it" when down dropped the black cloth from the front of the medallion, apparently without its being touched by anyone. The incident caused much amusement, and the Mayor was unexpectedly deprived of his pleasurable task. The medallion, which is in an ebonised frame on the wall at the back of the platform, represents the multi-millionaire as a hard-headed, rather

stern-looking Scotchman. When the curtain dropped, the Chairman enhanced the amusement by repeating a sentence which he had previously uttered: "There is always something to mar our pleasures!"

Alderman W. H. Savery proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his attendance to perform the opening ceremony, and he did so not in the sense of favours to come, for he saw on the programme that the company would be invited to partake of tea and coffee. (Laughter.) The life of a London Mayor, as their Chairman well knew, was not an idle or a lazy one. He hoped that that afternoon would be an interesting recollection to the Mayor, and they were pleased that the opening of the new Library buildings had occurred during his year of office. (Applause.)

Mr. Frank E. Manley, in the absence of Mr. Alfred Royle through indisposition, in seconding the vote of thanks remarked that the Mayor by performing that ceremony that afternoon was carrying out some of the best traditions of public men. Dr. Carnegie was also carrying out the best traditions of rich men. Our leading men were always ready to help forward good public movements, such as assisting free libraries and founding colleges, as witness the generosity of a good part of our aristocracy, and a considerable portion of our aristocracy were good. The Earl of Pembroke gave Ben Johnson £20 a year with which to buy books; their Chairman had given them £500 with which to buy books, and the hearts of those who loved books—and who did not?—rejoiced at his great generosity.

They regretted that their friend Mr. E. J. Sage was unable to be present that afternoon, because it was to him more than to anyone else that they were indebted for the splendid collection of works in the Reference Library. Mr. Sage was given practically a free hand in buying books when they were founding their Reference Library, and how well he had fulfilled his trust all who used the library could testify. John Milton had said that one might just as well kill a man as kill a book; they were going to conserve instead of kill books. He was sure that the Mayor when he took a retrospect of his year of office would regard that day as one of the pleasantest that he had spent during his mayoralty. (Applause.)

The Mayor expressed his hearty gratitude for the vote of thanks, and assured the company that he felt honoured at having had the opportunity of opening the extension of the Library. He now wished to intervene with something which was not on the programme, and he had no fear of the Chairman, although he knew that he would rule him out of order if he could—(laughter)—but he was going to ask Dr. White to move a resolution.

Councillor White, LL.D., B.A., in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to Alderman Eve, said: From the words which have fallen from the Mayor, I have your permission for this otherwise unauthorised breach of the programme. It is necessary in the interests of public order that the programme should be departed from, for if we did not get off our minds to-day an expression of thanks to our Chairman there would be insurrection in Stoke Newington. (Laughter and loud applause). I should like to say that Mr. Alderman Eve is in a great measure responsible for the erection of this building. You will remember, as he has omitted to tell you, the way in which he is responsible. Mr. Alderman Eve made use of the simile that there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it. But when they are taken out it is by the skill of the fisherman. Mr. Alderman Eve secured the generosity of Dr. Carnegie, but the munificence of Dr. Carnegie is to a large extent overshadowed by the great generosity of Mr. Alderman Eve. (Applause.)

Sir John Runtz, J.P., in seconding, said that although the resolu-

NEWS AND MAGAZINE ROOM.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.
(Photos by Messrs. Pearce & Smith).

LIBRARY
OF THE
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tion was an innovation to the programme, it was evidently a welcome one, for the company had expressed by acclamation their delight at the handsome gift from Mr. Alderman Eve. They were all grateful to him, not only for his munificence, but also for the able manner in which he had piloted through the alterations, and the negotiations with Mr. Carnegie. Mr. Eve had his heart in the welfare of their Library, and they felt proud that they had such citizens.

The Chairman replied in his characteristic manner by simply saying: Your Worships, ladies and gentlemen,—I am very pleased that you are satisfied, and that is quite sufficient return for the act that I have performed. It has afforded me great pleasure to give it. If you appreciate it, that is all I desire. (Loud applause.)

The company then proceeded to the Lending Library, where the Mayor unveiled a white marble tablet commemorating the opening of the extension, the inscription in gold letters on the tablet being:—

"This Library,
Erected in 1892,
Was, by the Liberality of
ANDREW CARNEGIE, Esq., LL.D.,
Greatly Enlarged,
And the Lecture Hall
And Children's Room added, in 1904.
The Building was re-opened by the Mayor,
Councillor John Glass, J.P.,
June 11th, 1904."

This is followed by the names of Members of the Committee, librarian, architect, and builder.

The Mayor and Mayoress afterwards held a reception in the Library, where refreshments were provided for the assembled company.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough (estimated March, 1904)	52,353
Area	863 acres
Rateable value, March, 1904	£348,900
Public Libraries Acts adopted:—	
Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (and Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, absorbed)	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ...	April 17th, 1901

	1903-4.	1904-5.
Total number of Volumes in stock ... .. (Exclusive of duplicates, etc., reserved for further consideration).	22,734	23,962
Increase	1,431	1,228
Total number of Volumes issued ... ... (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library. The Library was closed for six weeks during re-arrangement of Building.)	153,272	143,232
Daily average issue	564	590
Average number of times which each book has been issued	6·7	6·0
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	4,480	4,480
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ...	144	110
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ...	4,336	4,370
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	31	28
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about)...	1,200	1,500

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.				
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.	Turnover
Philosophy and religion	1,063	570	1,633	6·8	66	1,537	1,592	3,129	2·2	1·9
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	699	1,105	1,804	7·5	167	1,072	1,487	2,559	1·8	1·4
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	791	472	1,263	5·3	50	1,374	2,081	3,455	2·4	2·7
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	526	283	809	3·4	51	1,200	2,066	3,266	2·3	4·
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	595	284	879	3·7	56	2,380	1,713	4,093	2·9	4·7
Literature and language	1,504	1,311	2,815	11·7	106	2,503	3,484	5,987	4·2	2·1
History, biography and travel ...	3,863	2,592	6,455	26·9	291	6,131	5,067	11,198	8·1	1·7
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	618	1,331	1,949	8·1	237	1,882	1,645	3,527	2·4	1·8
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ...	1,571	—	1,571	6·6	64	23,145	—	23,145	16·2	14·7
Prose fiction	4,718	66	4,784	20·	140	82,415	458	82,873	57·5	17·3
TOTAL	15,948	8,014	23,962	100·	1,228	123,639	19,593	143,232	100·	6·

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 519; Reference Library, 71; Total, 590.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of tickets in force, March 31st, 4,370.
Held by ratepayers, 894.
Other residents, etc., not ratepayers, 3,476.
Held by females, 2,324. Males, 2,046.

Accountants	35
Actors and actresses... ...	7
Advertising managers ...	2
Agents and collectors ...	58
Antiquarian	1
Apprentices	28
Architects and surveyors ...	27
Archivist	1
Artificial florists	2
Artists and draughtsmen ...	30
Assistants and salesmen ...	72
Auctioneers and estate agents	7
Authors and journalists ...	16
Average adjuster	1
Bailiff	1
Bakers and confectioners ...	18
Bankers	2
Barrister	1
Bill distributor	1
Biograph operator	1
Blindmakers	3
Boarding-house keeper ...	1
Bookbinders and folders ...	7
Booksellers and newsagents	26
Bootmakers	12
Bottle merchant	1
Bottler	1
Brassfounders	2
Bricklayers	3
Broker	1
Brushmakers	2
Builders and decorators ...	20
Butchers	9
Butler	1
Buyers	3
Cabinet makers	12
Camera makers	3
Caretakers	4
Carpenters and joiners ...	14
Cashiers	13
Caterers	4
Cellarman	1
Checker	1
Chemical engineer	1
Chemists and dispensers ...	19
China dealers...	2
Civil servants...	68
Clergymen and ministers ...	16
Clerks and book-keepers ...	560
Club steward...	1
Coachbuilders and painters	4
Coal factors	2
Coachmen and cabmen ...	5
Compositors	16
Corn merchants	3
Currier	1
Custom House officers ...	2
Cutlers	3
Cycle maker	1
Dairymen	3
Deaconess	1
Dental mechanics	3
Dentists	2
Diamond setters	4
Distillers	2
Domestic servants	34
Drapers and clothiers ...	18
Dressmakers and milliners	72
Electrical casemakers ...	2
Electricians	19
Elocutionist	1
Embroidresses	5
Engineers	29
Engravers	5
Engravers' blockmaker ...	1
Fancy boxmaker	1
Farrier	1
Fishmonger	1
Feather worker	1
Florists	2
French professor	1
French polishers	3
Fruiterer	1
Furniture dealers	4
Furriers	8
Gardeners	4
Gasfitters	5

Gas inspectors	2
Gas meter maker	1
Glass beveller	1
Gold and silversmiths ...	10
Governesses	5
Grocers	13
Gunmaker	1
Gymnastic teacher	1
Hairdressers	11
Hardware merchants ..	3
Hatter	1
Harness maker	1
Hosiers	3
Indexer	1
Ironmonger	1
Jewel casemakers	2
Job master	1
Labeller	1
Laundresses and laundrymen	4
Law stationers and writers	5
Leather workers	6
Lecturer	1
Librarians	2
Licensed victuallers	4
Lithographers	4
Locksmiths	2
Machinists	20
Managers and manageresses	27
Manufacturers	13
Mantle makers	8
Masons	2
Matron	1
Medical glass merchant ...	1
Merchants and importers ...	23
Metal workers	4
Mill hand	1
Monumental letter cutter ...	1
Model maker	1
Municipal officers	2
Musicians and music teachers	18
Musical instrument maker...	1
Naturalists	2
Naval architect	1
Nurses	10
Office and errand boys ...	23
Oilman	1
Omnibus employees... ...	3
Opticians	3
Organ builders	3
Organists	2
Packers	6
Painters and plumbers ...	19
Paper makers...	2
Paper stainer	1
Paper hangers	3
Pawnbrokers	4
Pencil makers	2
Pensioners	5
Photographers	12
Physicians and surgeons ...	4
Pianoforte makers and tuners	10
Pianoforte dealers	3
Picture frame makers .	2
Plasterers	2
Plush bracket coverer ..	1
Police officers	11
Porters and messengers ...	12
Post office employees ...	67
Printers and readers ...	22
Provision merchants ...	4
Publishers	2
Railway employees	8
Rate collectors	2
Refuse inspector	1
Registrar	1
Saddler	1
Sanitary officers	2
Scholars and students ...	629
School attendance officer ...	1
Schoolmasters and mistresses	224
Scientific instrument makers	4
Secretaries	16
Setter out	1
Shipbroker	1
Shirt makers...	2
Sign writers	5
Solicitors	8
Stockbrokers	7
Storekeepers	4
Surgical instrument maker	1
Tailors and tailoresses ...	8
Tallow melter	1
Tax assessor	1
Tea broker	1
Tea taster	1
Tie makers and cutters ...	2
Telegraphists	22
Telephone operators... ...	7
Tobacconists	2
Tramway employees ...	9
Travellers	52
Trimming makers	3
Trunk maker	1
Turners	2
Type founders	3
Typists and stenographers...	29
Umbrella maker	1
Undergraduate	1
Undertaker	1
Upholsterers	3
Vanman	1
Vellum sewer	1
Vocalist	1
Waitresses	2
Wardrobe dealer	1
Warehousemen	36
Watchmakers and jewellers	15
Wheelwrights	2
Wood carvers	6
Not stated	1,393
Total	4,370

DONATIONS.

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Eve, Mr. Alderman	500	0	0
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Amalgamated Press, Ltd. ... 1
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) ... 1
Blackburn, Rev. C. S. (South Carolina)... 23
Board of Trade, Labour Department... 2
Bramall, Mr. H. L. (Burma Road) 1
British Museum, Trustees of the 7
Brough, Councillor 1
Brown, Mr. J. E. (Winston Road) 1
Brown, Messrs. T. B. (Queen Victoria Street)... ... 1
Burton, Mr. J. F. (Lordship Road) 2
Canterbury, The Mayor of... 1
Carnegie, Mr. Andrew, LL.D. 2
Choate, Hon. J. H. 1
Cleghorn, Mr. H. (Digby Road) 5
Croger, Mr. T. R., F.R.G.S., F.Z.S. 1
Cruse, Mr. J. (Nevill Road) 1
Edinburgh University ... 1
Finsbury Borough Council... 1
Ford, Mr. C. (Hamilton Road) 1
Fryer, Mr. A. C., F.S.A. ... 1
Gentleman, Mr. G. (Londesborough Road) 1
Goodrick, Miss (Church Street) ... ...Magazines
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes) 2
Green, Mr. A. C. (Church Street) 7
H.M. Stationery Office Parliamentary Papers
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood Terrace) 6
Hopwood, Mrs. (Church Street) 2
Howse, Mr. F. (Clapton Common)... 60
James, Mr. S. (Brighton Road) 34
Johnston, Alderman ... 36
Kelly, Miss (The late) (Albion Grove) 8
Key, Mrs. (Church Street) ... 5
King's College (London) ... 1
Lange, D. G. (Limpsfield, Surrey) 19
Lempriere, Mr. W. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk) ... 9
London, Corporation of the City of 1
do. Guildhall Library Committee 224
London County Council ... 10
London Directory Co. (Abchurch Lane) 2
Manley, Mr. F. E. (Allerton Road) 12
Milliken, Mr. F. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk) ... 8
Myers, Miss (Winston Road) 1
National Union of Teachers 1
Naval Architects, Institute of 13
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. (Cannon Street) ... 1
Pearson, Miss (Aberdeen Park) 210
Portlock, Mrs. (Lordship Park) 5
Ransome, Mr. J. W. (Lordship Terrace) ... ... Patent Specifications
Religious Tract Society ... 1
Revell, Messrs. F. H. ... 2

Ripping, Mr. G. H. (Clissold Road) 3
Savery, Alderman 2
Sharp, Miss (Highbury Place) 12
Shaylor, Councillor 3
Sheffield, Mr. F. J. (Grayling Road) 22
Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A. ... 5
Shortland, Mr. S. J. (Digby Road) 2
Stapleton, Mr. A. E. (Stoke Newington Common) ... 1
Stephens, Mrs. (St. Paul's Road) 1
Thoroton Society 1
Tollemache, Hon. Mrs. L. ... 1
Trinity College (London) ... 1
Tutorial Press (London) ... 1
Welch, Mr. Charles, F.S.A.... 45
Whitehead, Mr. R. F. (Winston Road)... ... 1
Willcocks, Miss (Wilberforce Road) 4
Winckworth, Councillor ... 1
Woodgate, Mr. W. (Warwick Road) 1
Wright, Councillor 1

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. Bronze medallion portrait of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, LL.D. Reproduction of Morgan's "London, &c., actually survey'd, 1681–2:" and, Morden and Lea's "Prospect of London and Westminster, 1682."

Baxter, Mr. Frank W. (Church Street). Chronological list of juvenile fiction. Chronological list of historical novels.

Enright, Mr. R. A. (Newington Green). 15 Framed prints of Stoke Newington and Islington.

Leach, Mr. T. C. Vernon (Albion Road). Plan of Islington Parish, by R. Dent, and C. H. Hill, reduced from the survey of 1805–6.

Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. Last Minute book of the Finsbury Park Free Library.

Sage, Mr. E. J. Water-colour drawing, by William Varley, of the remains of "Bishop's Place," a mansion which formerly stood on the corner of Newington Green.

Savery, Alderman. 20 Hackney prints.

Shelford, Rev. Preb., M.A. Collection of 140 Lantern Slides of Stoke Newington, Hackney, Islington, and Hornsey.

Sievey, Mr. W. D. (Church Street). Illustrated account of the opening of the Library extension, reprinted from the "Stoke Newington Recorder," of July 17, 1904, framed.

Smith, Miss Gordon (Allerton Road). Parcel of music.

Spratling, Mr. J. R. (Springdale Road). Clissold Park and its history: a special supplement to the "North London Guardian" of July 24th, 1889, printed on satin. Parcel of local programmes, &c.

Wright, Councillor. Reproduction of Ogilby and Morgan's Map of the City of London, 1677.

Williams, Mr. J. A. (Albion Road). Reproductions of drawings of Old Masters of the Dutch School.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

Hackney Board of Guardians. London County Council. Metropolitan Asylums Board. Metropolitan Water Board. Stoke Newington Borough Council. Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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Alcock, Councillor (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph.
Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.
Baxter, Miss (Church Street). Hockey field.
Baxter, Mr. D. (Colchester). Catholic fireside.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express, Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Blackmore, Miss (Church Street). Answers.
Blackmore, Mr. C. (Church Street). Feathered world.
Brace, Mrs. (Manor Road). Animal's Friend, Herald of the Golden Age, Humanitarian.
Colchester, Mr. A. M. (Poets Road). St. Paul's Canonbury Parish Magazine.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Davies, Mr. M. M. (Osbaldeston Road). T.P.'s weekly.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' parish magazine.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.
Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. (Gloucester Road). St. John the Evangelist's parish magazine.
Power, Rev. S., B.A. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk). St. Mary's parish magazine.
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Rowley, Mr. W. W. (Albion Road). Glad tidings of the coming age
Savery, Alderman (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Stuart, Mr A. (Carysfort Road). Children's garden.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler. Mr. E. (Lordship Park). Examiner.
Williams, Mr. J. A. (Albion Road). Journal of the Society of Arts.

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London :—Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, St. Bride's Institute, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle Bury, Cardiff, Chiswick, Cleveland, U.S.A., Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow, Gloucester, Hove, Kendal, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle, New York, Plymouth, Portsmouth. Preston, Rochdale, Richmond, Runcorn, St. Helens, Salford, Southampton, Tottenham, Twickenham, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, West Ham, Willesden, Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the publishers. † Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily express
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Echo
Evening news
Evening standard
*Financial news
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
Standard
Star
Sun
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
†Answers
Architect
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Bakers' times
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
British journal of photography
British weekly
Builder
*Building news
†Cage bird
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
Christian world
Church times
City press (bi-weekly)
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
†Co-operative news
*County gentleman
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
†Electrical review
Electrician
†Electricity
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
†Essex telegraph
*Ethics
†Examiner
Exchange and mart (Friday ed.)
Feathered world
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney mercury
*Hackney spectator
*Hackney standard
Hobbies
†Hockey field
*Hornsey and Finsbury Park journal
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Irish times
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
King
Lady's pictorial
*Laundry journal
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*London argus
*London education gazette
*London opinion
*Londoner general-anzieger
*Londoner zeitung Hermann
*Motor cycle
Municipal journal
*Musical news
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
Notes and queries
*Phonetic journal

*Poor law officers' journal
*Property market record
*Public health engineer
Punch
Queen
*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scotsman
*Shoe and leather record
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
Stage
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
†T.P.'s weekly
*Tottenham herald (Wed. ed.)
Truth
Vanity Fair
*Westminster gazette
Work
World

MONTHLY.

*Anglo-Russian
Animal world
†Animals' friend
Art journal
Bookman
Book monthly
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
Captain
Cassell's magazine
*Catholic fireside
Century
*Chamber of Commerce journal
Chambers' journal
*Charity record
†Children's garden
*Child's guardian
Chums
*Church of England league gazette
*Circle
*Collector's magazine
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
*Cook's travellers' gazette
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Esperantist
*Everyday electricity
*Food and cookery
Fortnightly review
*Free Russia
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
Girl's realm
*Glad tidings
Good words
*G.W.R. magazine
Harper's magazine
*Herald of health
†Herald of peace
*Herald of the Cross
†Herald of the Golden Age
†Humanitarian
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal
Independent review
*Insurance agent
*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
Knowledge
*Labour co-partnership
*Labour gazette
*Liberator
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
Literary world
*London, seaside and country
Macmillan's magazine
Manual training teacher
Monthly review
*Musical herald
Musical times
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
National review
*Navy league journal
*New Church magazine
Nineteenth century and after
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Patents
*Plumber and decorator
†Presbyterian Church record
*Quadrant magazine
*Railway clerk
Railway magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. John the Evangelist's parish magazine
†St. Mary's parochial magazine

†St. Matthias' parish magazine
†St. Paul's Canonbury parish magazine
*Sales and wants
*Script phonographic journal
*Sons of temperance
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Tailor and cutter
†Temperance times
*Tool and machinery register
*Travel
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
*Vulcan
*Wheatsheaf
Windsor magazine
*Young journalist
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-slavery reporter
Army list
Art workers' quarterly
*Buddhism
*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
*Faraday House journal
Home counties magazine
†Journal of the Geological Society
Navy list
Post Office guide
Quarterly review

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

A.B.C., Bradshaw, Cambrian, Cook's Continental, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council List of Workmen's trains and trams.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5, 7.
Engineer. v. 80, 1895.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v.1—27.
Illustrated London News. 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 1—33.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly review. Vols. 78, 80, 100, 126, 128-133, 160, 164-69.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43-50, 1873-80.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parochial magazine. All previous to 1887; 1893.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1-41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1905 (subject to Government audit).

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement				67	19	6
RATES—Actual product of 1*d.* in the £ .				1,387	8	0
LIBRARY RECEIPTS :						
Donations and Subscriptions ...	5	11	0			
Fines and Penalties	65	19	4			
Readers' tickets	18	13	4			
Sale of Catalogues	13	15	3			
Hire of Hall and Committee room ...	53	15	6			
Advertisements	51	12	0			
Miscellaneous	10	19	6			
				220	5	11
MR. CARNEGIE'S DONATION A/C (£4,450) :						
Balance in hand from last year's Statement	645	0	0			
Balance of donation received ...	450	0	0			
				1,095	0	0
MR. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION A/C (£500) :						
Amount transferred				400	0	0
Balance				764	18	3
				£3,935	11	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and renovations	139	11	11			
Gas and Mantles	73	18	10			
Coal, Coke and Water	40	0	2			
Taxes and Insurance	18	16	3			
Cleaning Materials and Sundries ...	21	5	10			
Books	191	0	3			
Binding	97	13	11			
Newspapers and Magazines	90	7	2			
Printing Supplementary Catalogue ...	43	18	4			
Printing and Stationery	66	3	2			
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning)	703	2	4			
Loans : Principal and Interest	184	6	4			
Postages and Sundries	24	14	2			
Porter's uniform	4	4	0			
				1,699	2	8
BUILDING EXTENSION A/C :						
Balance of cost of Building Extension and Architect's Commission ...	1,338	10	0			
Heating apparatus	235	5	0			
Furniture and fittings	662	14	0			
				2,236	9	0
				£3,935	11	8

Note.—The total expenditure on Building Extension and furniture amounted to £5,591 9s.

MR. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Alderman Eve's donation	500	0	0
Bank interest	4	15	6
	£504	15	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Amount transferred to Public Library a/c	400	0	0
Purchase of lantern, and expenses of free lectures ...	21	8	2
Balance	83	7	4
	£504	15	6

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART 2. Loan Account—Year ended 31st March, 1905.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amount paid this year. Principal.			Amount paid this year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of year.		
		£		Years.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site.	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½%	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	889	7	6	11	9	4	31	0	8	877	18	2
2	Erection of Building.	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½%	60 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined.	1,919	7	11	75	5	9	66	10	7	1,844	2	2
									2,808	15	5	86	15	1	97	11	3	2,722	0	4

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Accountant.*

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OF THE
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LIBRARY ELEVATION TO CHURCH STREET.

LIBRARY HALL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.
(*Photos by Messrs. Pearce & Smith.*)

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

OF

STOKE NEWINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1906–7.

LONDON:
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1907.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1906–7.

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM B. TRICK, J.P.) *Ex-Officio.*

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† MR. CHARLES WELCH, F.S.A., 438, Seven Sisters Road.

† Books Sub-Committee; * Finance Sub-Committee; ‡ House Sub-Committee.

Librarian and Clerk:

GEORGE PREECE.

Sub-Librarian:

B. J. HARPER.

Assistants:

Senior: ARTHUR R. CASS.

Junior:

C. BLACKMORE; J. W. LITTEN; A. E. BELLAMY; A. JONES; G. L. FULLBROOK; ERNEST WILLIAMS.

Porter:

ALFRED LONGMAN.

Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Seventeenth Annual Report.

For the Year ended 31st March, 1907.

The Public Libraries Committee presents the following report on the work of the Library during the past year.

STOCK AND ISSUES.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 30,870 (17,226 in the Lending Library and 13,644 in the Reference Library), a net increase during the year of 5,860. Of the additions to stock, 4,763 represent the volumes comprised in the Sage Bequest, and 1,097 are other additions by gift and purchase.

The number of volumes issued during the year was 141,663, representing a daily average of 538. This is a decrease of 6,257 in the total issues, and 24 in the daily average, as compared with the previous year. The decrease in fiction and juvenile literature amounted to 6,871 volumes, while the total increase in other classes amounted to 614.

The percentage of fiction to the total stock is 16·9. In the issues, the percentage of juvenile literature has fallen from 12·7 to 10·7, and fiction increased from 59·9 to 60·2.

The total issues from the Juvenile Library were 15,113 volumes, representing a daily average of 60. This average is less than it was before the separate Juvenile Library was opened, and suggests that many children having the use of the Reading Room are making less use of the Lending Library to borrow books for home reading.

BORROWERS.

Borrowers' tickets were issued to, or renewed by 4,150 persons. Of these 156 were cancelled during the year, leaving 3,994 in force on March 31st, 1907, a decrease of 102 compared with last year. Tickets were held by 882 ratepayers in their

own names, 3,268 by members of ratepayers' families, other residents, &c., of whom 74 were non-resident employees and subscribers. Among the borrowers were included 388 children under 15 years.

STOCKTAKING.

At the annual stocktaking 550 worn-out and incomplete volumes were withdrawn from circulation, 483 of these being replaced by new copies. There have been 15 volumes lost or damaged by borrowers, who have paid the cost of their replacement, and six volumes of children's books of the aggregate value of 14s. have been lost, five having been taken from the open shelves in the Juvenile Library, and one being unaccounted for. During the year 938 volumes have been rebound, the cost of binding, numbering books and supplying new periodical cases being £80 19s. 1d.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A good proportion of the amount expended on books has again been allocated for making additions to the Reference Library, and in selecting books for this department the Committee has kept in view the wants of students, and is endeavouring to make a good working Library suitable for their needs.

Including the Sage Bequest (referred to hereafter), this department contains 13,644 volumes, and, with the addition of the non-fiction portion of the Lending Department, the total number of volumes available for the purposes of reference and study is 23,980.

In 1900-1, the volumes issued for reference purposes numbered 9,305, and the issues in successive years were 10,148, 13,935, 19,057, 19,593, 23,960, the record for the past year being 24,016. The great and steady increase, year by year, in the use of the Reference Library is very encouraging, and fully justifies the Committee's action in giving special attention to this department.

As pointed out in previous reports, these figures only represent books issued over the counter, and do not include the various encyclopædias, dictionaries, directories and other general handbooks, of which 150 are placed on open shelves. It is estimated that these are used by fully 250 people *daily*.

The following are the most important additions to the Reference Department during the year:—

Hastings' "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels," vol. 1; "Tracts for the times," 7 vols,; Young's "Analytical concordance

to the Bible"; Haeckel's "Evolution of man," 2 vols.; Hulme's "Wild fruits of the country-side"; Lowe's "Ferns: British and exotic," 8 vols.; Willis' "Manual and dictionary of flowering plants and ferns"; Goodchild and Tweney's "Technological and scientific dictionary"; Graham and Oliver's "Foreign traders' dictionary of terms"; Phillips' "Commercial tables for all countries"; Quain's "Dictionary of medicine"; Baily's "George Morland"; "Boke of Saint Albans"; De Baye's "Industrial arts of Anglo-Saxons"; Field and Bunney's "English domestic architecture"; Holmes' "Old English country cottages"; Strutt's "Sports and pastimes of the people of England"; Arber's "English scholar's library," vols. 1–15; Bohn's "Polyglot of foreign proverbs"; Centlivre's Works, 3 vols.; Dryden's Works, 4 vols.; Murray's "Oxford English dictionary," contd.; Neve's 'Concordance to works of Cowper"; Pope's Works, 4 vols.; Stanford's "Dictionary of Anglicised words and phrases"; Sterne's Works, 4 vols.; "Century dictionary," 8 vols.; Restoration dramatists, 14 vols.; "Annual register," contd.; Besant's "London in the time of the Tudors"; "Cambridge modern history," contd.; Graetz' "History of the Jews," 5 vols.; Hardy's "Calendar to the feet of fines for London and Middlesex"; "Historical MSS. Commission Reports," contd.; Hunt and Poole's "Political history of England," vols. 1-5, 10-11; Loftie's "Coronation book of Edward VII."; "Morison's "Time-table of modern history, A.D. 400—1870"; Sharpe's "Antiquities of Middlesex"; Sims' "Living London," 3 vols.; Stevenson's "Church historians of England," 5 vols.; Purchas' "Voyages," contd.; Reeve's "Hints to travellers," 2 vols.; "Book prices current, 1906"; and also the publications of the Geological, Palæontographical, Ray, Royal Geographical, and Royal Historical Societies.

SAGE BEQUEST.

During the past year the books comprised in the Sage Bequest, numbering 4,763 volumes, have been examined, stocked and catalogued. Additional bookcases have been placed in the Reference Library for their reception, the shelving of the whole of the Reference Library books being altered in consequence. A card catalogue has been prepared, and the books, with a few exceptions, are now available for the use of readers.

The portrait of the late Mr. Sage, painted by Miss O. Thistlethwaite, has been hung in the Reference Library, the other framed portraits and prints in the Small Hall, and a selection has been made from the unframed prints and portraits for framing. The examination of the other prints and the Essex

collection of MSS., pedigrees, &c., is being proceeded with, but considerable time must elapse before these can be made available for public use.

The Committee has received valuable assistance from Mr. Frank E. Manley, one of its members, in examining and selecting prints and portraits for framing, and Major A. B. Bamford in examining and arranging the Essex papers, and begs to tender to these gentlemen its cordial thanks.

The Committee desires to record its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Librarian and the staff in arranging and cataloguing the books included in this bequest.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

The total amount expended on the purchase of books was £232 16s. 7d., and, with this amount at its disposal, the Committee has only been able to strengthen the various classes without making any noteworthy purchases.

The individual cost of the books purchased by the Committee has been considerably increased, owing to the extension of the "net" book system and the higher price at which most of the copyright books are now published. In consequence, the purchasing power of the amount at the disposal of the Committee has been considerably lessened. One result of the "net" system is that Libraries, although large purchasers, get no advantages over purchasers of single volumes, and the Committee is now unable to buy so many of the more expensive works on publication, and has to wait longer for an opportunity of obtaining copies second-hand.

All orders for new "net" books are now divided among the local booksellers.

DONATIONS.

The Library has again received many important donations, and a list of the donors is appended, to all of whom the Committee desires to again express its cordial thanks.

NEWS ROOM.

The popularity and usefulness of the News Room still continues. The magazines and periodicals, with few exceptions, have now fixed places on the stands and tables, with prominent title tablets to each, and this has greatly added to its orderly appearance and convenience of readers.

LECTURES.

The following Free Lectures were delivered during last winter :—

"Electricity: how made and stored," by Mr. Alderman W. H. Savery (Mayor). With lantern.

"The Bernese Oberland: its scenery and people," by Rev. Canon Horsley, M.A. With lantern.

"Down the Thames on a barge," by Mr. W. N. Beal. With lantern.

"Byron: the man, the poet, and the influence of his genius on English literature," by Mr. James J. Ovenden.

"Shakespeare and old London," by Mr. T. R. Croger, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., &c. With lantern.

"Romance of astronomy," by Mr. W. H. Gover, LL.B. With lantern.

"How the house-fly and the mosquito spread disease," by Professor Henry Kenwood, M.B., D.P.H. With lantern.

"American humourists," by Mr. H. R. Peach.

"From church to playhouse: the story of the English drama," by Mr. Sidney W. Clarke. With lantern.

"Palestine as I saw it," by Rev. Charles Leach, D.D. Illustrated by living models wearing eastern costume.

"London and Londoners in Norman and Plantagenet times," by Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A. With lantern.

"An hour with a dictionary," by Mr. J. Tinkler.

"Old English buildings, inside and out," by Mr. Maurice B. Adams, F.R.I.B.A. With lantern.

"The motor 'bus: night work for a day's run," by Mr. Douglas Mackenzie, A.M.I.Mech.E. With lantern.

The following Lectures and Reading have been given to boys and girls :—

"What goes on in a newspaper office," by Mr. V. C. Feesey.

"A talk about Canada," by Miss H. Beck.

"The castles of England," by Mr. Walter P. Nevill. With lantern.

"The phonograph; how it works," by Mr. Frank W. Baxter

"Sindbad the sailor," Reading by Mr. Frank W. Baxter.

The Lectures have again proved very popular, and on several occasions the hall has been so crowded that many have been unable to gain admission. The interest in the talks to children has been fully maintained.

The Committee desires to cordially thank the before-mentioned ladies and gentlemen for their valuable services as lecturers, and also those who kindly assisted in illustrating the

lecture of Dr. Leach. Thanks are again due to Mr. Frank W. Baxter and Mr. W. E. Harding for their valuable services as honorary lanternists, and specially to Mr. Frank W. Baxter for his valuable assistance in connection with the arrangement of Free Lectures and the Lectures and Readings to boys and girls.

LIBRARY HALL.

The Library Hall has been well used during the year, and a considerable addition to the income of the Library is available from lettings. The rooms have again been used by the Students' Association for North London, and the Société de Conferenciers for their courses of lectures.

The sanction of the Local Government Board to the borrowing of £1,400, to cover the balance of the cost of the extension of the Library, was given after a public enquiry had been held, and the negotiation of the loan is now being arranged. The repayment of principal and interest will amount to £105 15s. 10d. for the first 10 years and £56 17s. 4d. for the following 20 years, but, as was estimated, this will be more than covered by the receipts from lettings of the hall.

INSURANCE.

The amount of insurance on the Library building and contents has been increased during the year, and now amounts to £6,000 on building and furniture, and £8,000 on books, pictures and prints. Some additional fire buckets have been provided in order to minimise the risk of fire.

COMMITTEE.

On the election of the Committee in November last, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Councillor Johnston Vice-chairman.

STAFF,

The Committee is pleased to record the success of one of its assistants, Mr. A. R. Cass, in passing the Library Association's examination in "Library administration."

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Area		863 acres
Assessable value, March, 1906–7		£352,735
Public Libraries Acts adopted :—		
Stoke Newington		Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (with which the Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, was absorbed)		July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed		March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened		October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened		October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened		July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated		November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ..		April 17th, 1901
Library extension and Lecture Hall opened ..		June 11th, 1904
	1905–6.	1906–7.
Number of Volumes in stock	25,010	30,870
Increase	1,048	5,860
Total number of Volumes issued .. .. (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	147,920	141,663
Daily average issue	562	538
Number of Borrowers' Cards issued and renewed	4,250	4,150
Number of Borrowers' Cards cancelled ..	154	156
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ..	4,096	3,994
Average number of times which each book has been issued (Lending Library)	7·5	6·8
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	31	29
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about) ..	1,500	1,500

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.			
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.
Philosophy and religion	1,211	1,258	2,469	8·0	738	1,727	2,130	3,857	2·7
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	779	1,331	2,110	6·8	208	1,188	1,250	2,438	1·7
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	858	552	1,410	4·6	104	1,620	2,184	3,804	2·7
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	626	341	967	3·1	98	1,363	1,803	3,166	2·2
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	657	474	1,131	3·7	194	2,077	2,152	4,229	3·
Literature and language	1,629	2,633	4,262	13·8	1,295	3,004	3,774	6,778	4·8
History, biography and travel ..	4,152	5,068	9,220	29·9	2,585	6,408	5,450	11,858	8·4
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	697	1,714	2,411	7·8	320	1,957	3,095	5,052	3·6
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ..	1,681	..	1,681	5·4	66	13,377	1,736	15,113	10·7
Prose fiction	4,936	273	5,209	16·9	252	84,926	442	85,368	60·2
Total	17,226	13,644	30,870	100·	5,860	117,647	24,016	141,663	100·

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 465; Reference Library, 73; Total, 538.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of tickets issued during the year, 4,150.
Issued to ratepayers, 882.
Other residents, &c., not ratepayers, 3,268.
Females, 2,178. Males, 1,972.

Accountants	27
Actors and actresses	3
Actuary	1
Advertising agents	4
Agents and collectors	37
Applique cutter	1
Apprentices	14
Architects and surveyors	20
Artificial florist	1
Artists and draughtsmen	22
Assistants and salesmen	58
Auctioneers and estate agents	2
Auditors	2
Authors and journalists	21
Average adjuster	1
Bakers	4
Bankers	3
Barristers	2
Bar attendant	1
Boarding-house keeper	1
Bookbinders and folders	11
Booksellers, stationers and newsagents	17
Bootmakers	9
Brassfounders and finishers	2
Bricklayers	2
Brokers	5
Brushmaker	1
Builders and decorators	18
Butchers	6
Buyers	2
Cabinet makers	15
Cane worker	1
Card board manufacturer	1
Caretakers	4
Carmen	2
Carpenters and joiners	22
Carvers	4
Casemakers	2
Cashiers	12
Caterers	4
Cellarman	1
Chauffeurs	2
Checkers	2
Chefs	2
Chemists and dispensers	12
Chiffon finisher	1
Chronometer finisher	1
Cigar maker	1
Civil servants	59
Clergymen and ministers	14
Clerks and book-keepers	509
Coachbuilders and painters	3
Coachmen and cabmen	2
Coal merchant	1
Collar turner	1
Commercial travellers	40
Confectioners	7
Copy holder	1
Corn merchant	1
Correspondents	2
Corset makers	2
Cutlers	2
Cycle makers	4
Dairymen	2
Dentists and dental mechanics	5
Diamond setters	5
Domestic servants	19
Drapers and clothiers	17
Dressmakers and milliners	79
Dyer	1
Electricians	26
Embroiderers	6
Engineers	40
Engravers	3
Fishmonger	1
Florists	2
Foremen and forewomen	9
French polisher	1
Fruiterers	4
Fur cloak maker	1
Furniture dealers	3
Furriers	3
Gardeners	4
Gas fitters	5
Gas inspectors and collectors	4

Gas meter maker	1
Gas valve man	1
Gold and silver smiths	5
Gold blocker	1
Grocers	9
Hairdressers	4
Horse keepers	4
Hosiers	4
House-keepers	13
Indexer	1
Inspectors	5
Ironmongers	5
Jewel case maker	1
Labourer	1
Laundry workers	9
Leather workers	8
Lecturers	4
Librarians	2
Licensed victuallers	5
Machinists	18
Managers and manageresses	31
Manual training teachers	2
Manufacturers	12
Merchants and importers	26
Metal workers	3
Millers	2
Monotype operator	1
Municipal officers	7
Musical instrument maker	1
Musicians and music teachers	15
Naturalist	1
Nurses	10
Office and errand boys	7
Oilman	1
Omnibus employees	3
Optical instrument maker	1
Opticians	4
Packers	4
Painters and plumbers	9
Paper hangers	2
Paper stainer	1
Pawnbrokers	3
Paymaster	1
Pensioners	5
Photographers	8
Physicians and surgeons	6
Pianoforte makers and tuners	11
Picture frame maker	1
Pipe mounter	1
Pocket book manufacturer	1
Police officers	13
Porters and messengers	7
Post card tinter	1
Post office employees	73
Printers and readers	36
Provision merchants	5
Publishers	3
Railway employees	3
Rate collectors	2
Registrar	1
Relieving officer	1
Saddlers	4
Safe makers	3
Scholars and students	531
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses	199
Scientific instrument makers	5
Secretaries	16
Shirt maker	1
Sign writers	2
Silk cutter	1
Silver polisher	1
Solicitors	16
Steward	1
Stockbrokers	8
Storekeepers	8
Surgical instrument makers	2
Switch board fitter	1
Tailors and tailoresses	18
Tax collector	1
Telegraph engineer	1
Telegraphists	13
Telephone operators	3
Tie makers	2
Timber merchants	3
Tobacconists	2
Toy maker	1
Tramway employees	4
Trimming maker	1
Trunk maker	1
Turner	1
Type founders	2
Typists and stenographers	33
Undertaker	1
Upholsterers	3
Valuer	1
Vamp beader	1
Vanman	1
Verger	1
Vocalists	2
Waiters and waitresses	3
Warehousemen	35
Watchmakers and jewellers	8
Wheelwrights	2
Wine merchant	1
Wire worker	1
Wood turner	1
Zoological gardens keeper	1
Not stated	1,507
	4,150

DONATIONS.

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Aberdeen University Library .. 1
Accountants, Central Association of 1
Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Agent General for Victoria .. 1
Agent General for Western Australia 1
Alcock, Mr. Councillor (Hawksley Road) 1
Allgood, Mr. H. G. C. (Author) 1
Bates, Mrs. (Caddington Vicarage) 6
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) 2
Birch, Mr. J. Basil (Tottenham) 1
Board of Agriculture 7
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 2
Bridge, Mr. H. J. (Author) .. 1
British Museum, Trustees of the 2
Channel Tunnel Company (Westminster) 1
Charlesworth, Mr. S. (Brooke Road) 1
Commissioner of Education, U.S.A... 2
Cook & Son, Messrs. (Ludgate Circus) 1
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Elgood, Mr. J. C. (Leicester) .. 2
Faith Association (Malvern) .. 7
Fingland, Rev. E. D., M.A. (Amhurst Park) 34
First Garden City, Ltd. (High Holborn) 1
Hackney Technical Institute, Governing Body of the .. 1
Higgleton, Mr. E. J. (Oldfield Road) 5
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood) 10
H. M. Stationery Office Parliamentary Papers
Howard, Mr. C. (Finsbury Park Road) 51
King's College, London .. 1
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. (Farringdon Street) 4
London, Guildhall Library Committee 3
London County Council .. 10
London Directory Co. (Abchurch Lane) 2
Lusignan, Mr. H. G. de (Grazebrook Road) 8
Macdonald, Messrs. W. & Co. (Edinburgh) 2
Marcham, Messrs. W. & F. (Hornsey) 1
Metropolitan Asylums Board .. 2
National Union of Teachers .. 2
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Powell, Mr. C. E. (Stoke Newington Road) 4
Pratt, Mr. E. A. (Author) .. 1
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Richardson, Mrs. H. C. (Hornsey) 80
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Tariff Commission 18
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University Tutorial Press .. 1
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Walker, Mr. T. F. (Birmingham) 2
Welch, Mr. C., F.S.A. (Seven Sisters' Road) 10
Whitehead, Mr. R. F. (Bethune Road) 1
Willcocks, Miss (Wilberforce Road) 1
Woodgate, Mr. W. (Warwickshire Road) 1
Anonymous 6

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bailey, Mr. R. H. (Bouverie Road, the Artist). Water-colour drawing of the "Old White Hart," Hackney Marshes.
Head, Mrs. Henry. Photo of Rev. Blomfield Jackson.
Long, Mr. Alfred (Lordship Road). Pair of Kudu horns and pair of Impala horns.
Moore, Mr. Councillor (Church Street). Seven framed views of Yellowstone Park, U.S.A.
Sievey, Mr. W. D. (Church Street). Framed illustrated account of opening ceremony of Electrical Transforming Station, 1906.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, ETC.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, Plumstead, Poplar, St. Bride's Institute, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bromley, Cardiff, Chiswick, Cleveland, U.S.A., Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Hanley, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kendal, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kimberley (South Africa), Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Liverpool, Longton, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, New York, U.S.A. Nottingham, Plymouth. Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Salford, Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, West Bromwich, Willesden, Wimbledon, Worcester, Yarmouth, York.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

A. B. C., Bradshaw, Cambrian, Continental Bradshaw, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, North London, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council's list of workmen's trains, trams, and steamboats.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. Councillor (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph, Lynn news.
Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.
Baker, Mr. E. A. (Southgate Road). Thrift.
Baxter, Mr. D. (Colchester). Catholic fireside.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express, Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Colchester, Mr. A. H. (Poet's Road). St. Paul's, Canonbury, Parish magazine.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' Parish magazine.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M A (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Knight, Rev. H. C. (Perth Road). St. John the Evangelist's Parish magazine.
Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.
Miles, Mr. A. (Tottenham). Zion's Watch tower.
Power, Rev. S., B.A. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk). St. Mary's Parish magazine.
Reed, Mr. T. W. (Pembury Grove). Land and labour.
Reid, Mr W. Lewis (Finsbury Park Road). Journal of the Society of Arts.
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Savery, Mr. Alderman (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Stoke Newington Adult School. One and all.
Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street). Oddfellows' magazine.
Turner, Mr. P. J. (Winston Road). Labour leader.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). British congregationalist.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

Hackney Guardians, London County Council, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Metropolitan Water Board, Stoke Newington Borough Council, Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the publishers. † Presented by private donors.

DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily graphic
Daily express
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Evening news
Evening standard
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
Standard
Star
Times
Tribune
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
Architect
Athenæum
*Autocar
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
†British congregationalist
British journal of photography
British weekly
Builder
*Building news
†Cage birds
*Canada
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
†Christian science sentinel
Christian world
Church times
City press
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
Contract journal
†Co-operative news
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
*Electrical engineering
†Electrical review
Electrician
†Electricity
Engineer
*Engineering
*Engineering times
†English churchman
English mechanic
Era
†Essex telegraph
Exchange and mart (Friday ed.)
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
*Hackney mercury
*Hackney standard
Hobbies
*Hornsey and Finsbury Park journal
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Irish times
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
†Journal of the Society of Arts
†Labour leader
Lady's pictorial
*Laundry journal
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*Local government officer
*London argus
*London County County gazette
*Londoner general-anzeiger
*Londoner zeitung Hermann
†Lynn news
*Motor cycle
*Motor traction
Municipal journal
†Municipal reform gazette
Nation
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
Notes and queries

*Pitman's journal
*Poor law officers' journal
Punch
Queen
*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scotsman
*Shoe and leather record
Sketch
Spectator
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
*Tottenham herald (Wed. ed.)
Truth
Vanity Fair
Work
World

MONTHLY.

†Abolitionist
Albany review
Animal world
Art journal
*Baker's times (bi-monthly)
*Board of Agriculture journal
Book monthly
Bookman
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
Captain
Cassell's magazine
†Catholic fireside
Century
*Certificate examiner (bi-monthly)
*Chamber of Commerce journal
Chambers' journal
*Charity record (bi-monthly)
Chums
*Church of England League gazette
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
*Cook's travellers' gazette
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Food and cookery
Fortnightly review
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
*Garden City
Gentleman's magazine
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
Girl's realm
*Glad tidings
*G.W.R. magazine
Harmsworth's self educator (bi-monthly)
Harper's magazine
*Herald of health
†Herald of peace
*Herald of the Cross
*Herald of the Golden Age
*Incorporated Accountants' journal
*Insurance agent
*Journal of the Clerks of Works' Association
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
Knowledge
*Labour co-partnership
†Land and labour
*Liberator
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
Literary world
Macmillan's magazine
*Manual training teacher
Monthly review
*Musical herald
Musical times
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
National review
*Navy League journal
*New Church magazine
Nineteenth Century and after
†Oddfellows' magazine
†One and all
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Plumber and decorator
*Presbyterian Church record
*Printers' sales and wants
*Quadrant magazine
*Railway clerk
Railway magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. John the Evangelist's parish magazine
†St Mary's parish magazine
†St. Matthias parish magazine
†St. Paul's Canonbury parish magazine
*Script phonographic journal

*Socialist standard
*State correspondent
Strand magazine
Studio
*Sugar user's journal
*Tailor and cutter
†Temperance times
†Thrift
*Tuberculosis
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
*Vulcan
*Wheatsheaf
Windsor magazine
*Woodworker and art metal worker
†Zion's watch tower (bi-monthly)
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-slavery reporter
Army list
Art workers' quarterly
*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
*Faraday House journal
Home counties magazine
†Journal of the Geological Society
Navy list
Post Office guide
Quarterly review

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5.
Engineer. v. 71-2, 79.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27.
Illustrated London news. v. 100, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 2, 3, 16.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly Review. v. 100, 126, 128-133, 160, 164-69, 201.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43-50.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parish magazine. All previous to 1887.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1-41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1907 (subject to Government audit).

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s	d.
Balance from last year's Statement ..				124	17	0
Rates—Actual product of 1d. in the £ ..	1,377	3	4			
Donations and Subscriptions	3	0	0			
Fines and Penalties	63	14	10			
Sale of Readers' Tickets	17	5	10			
Sale of Catalogues	8	18	0			
Hire of Hall and Committee Room ..	290	13	3			
Advertisements	31	7	0			
Telephone Call Office Commission ..	2	19	4			
Miscellaneous	11	0	8			
Total Income				1,806	2	3
				£1,930	19	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Furniture	92	7	9			
Gas and Mantles	86	11	2			
Coal, Coke and Water	39	5	8			
Cleaning materials, &c.	15	19	10			
				234	4	5
Books	232	16	7			
Binding and Numbering Books	80	19	1			
Newspapers and Magazines	88	1	1			
				401	16	9
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning)..				754	10	6
Printing and Stationery	62	7	3			
Taxes and Insurance	18	17	6			
Postages and Sundries	26	17	1			
				108	1	10
Loans—Principal and Interest				184	6	4
Miscellaneous				2	0	0
Balance of cost of Library (2nd) extension not met by loan				82	9	0
Total Expenditure				1,767	8	10
Balance				163	10	5
				£1,930	19	3

BUILDING EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Transfer to Public Library General a/c..	82	9	0
Balance to be met by Loan	1,400	0	0
	£1,482	9	0

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's Statement	1,400	0	0
Expenditure:—Balance of cost of Library (2nd) Extension	82	9	0
	£1,482	9	0

Mr. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance	73	12	1	Expenditure in connection with Free Lectures ..	6	8	0
Bank Interest	1	19	10	Balance..	69	3	11
	£75	11	11		£75	11	11

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II. Loan Account—Year ended 31st March, 1907.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amount paid this year. Principal.			Amount paid this year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of year.		
		£		Years	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site.	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½ %	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined	866	0	9	12	5	10	30	4	2	853	14	11
2	Erection of Building,	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½ %	60 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined	1,766	3	3	80	14	0	61	2	4	1,685	9	3
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,632	4	0	92	19	10	91	6	6	2,539	4	2

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Accountant.*

Form of Bequest.

I give and bequeath out of such parts of my personal estate as may lawfully be applied to charitable purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Stoke Newington, the sum of free from Legacy duty, to be expended for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said Borough in such manner as the Council may think proper, and I direct that the receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Council, or of such other person as they may appoint, shall be an effectual discharge for the same.

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OF THE
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LENDING LIBRARY.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

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For the Year ended 31st March, 1908.

The Public Libraries Committee presents the following report on the work of the Library during the past year.

STOCK AND ISSUES.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 32,774 (18,522 in the Lending Library and 14,252 in the Reference Library) a net increase during the year, by purchase and gift, of 1,904 volumes.

The number of volumes issued during the year was 139,165, representing a daily average of 523. This is a decrease of 2,498 in the total issues, and 15 in the daily average, as compared with the previous year. The decrease was principally in fiction, juvenile literature and religion, while the increases in other classes were as follows:—sociology 1,232; science 376; useful arts 592; fine arts 196; literature and language 306; history, biography and travel 407.

The percentage of fiction to the total stock is 16·3. In the issues, the percentage of juvenile literature has fallen from 10·7 to 10·1, and fiction from 60·2 to 59·8.

The issues from the Juvenile Library were 14,038 volumes, representing a daily average of 56.

BORROWERS.

The total number of borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st, 1908, was 3,971, a decrease of 23 compared with last year. Tickets were held by 835 ratepayers in their own names, 3,136 by members of ratepayers' families, other residents, &c., of whom 51 were non-resident employees and subscribers. Among the borrowers were included 348 children under 15 years of age.

STOCKTAKING.

At the annual stocktaking 437 worn-out, obsolete and incomplete volumes, were withdrawn from circulation, 330 of these being replaced by new copies. There have been 11 volumes lost or damaged by borrowers, who have paid the cost of their replacement, four volumes lost through the removal of borrowers and guarantors, whom the Librarian has been unable to trace, and one volume unaccounted for. During the year 1,470 volumes have been bound or rebound, the cost of binding and numbering being £111 16s. 1d.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Many important additions have been made to the Reference Library, the stock of books now numbering 14,252 volumes. The issues again show an increase, the daily average being 81, compared with 79 during 1906-7.

The Sage Bequest, particularly the topographical section, has been largely used.

The total amount expended in the purchase of books was £402 19s. 4d., a good proportion of which was allocated to the Reference Library. The following is a selection of the principal additions :—Hastings's "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels," vol. 2; Addis's "Catholic dictionary,"; "Sacred books of the East," 24 vols. [in continuation]; Strong's "Concordance to the Bible"; Bliss's "Encyclopædia of social reform"; Gomme's "Dictionary of British folk-lore," 2 vols.; McLellan's "Historic dress"; Brannt's "Techno-chemical receipt book"; Freeman's "World's commercial products"; Bartholomew's "Atlas of the world's commerce"; Millar's "Plastering"; Sutherland's "Sign writer and glass embosser"; Adams's "Modern cottage architecture"; Godman's "Norman and mediæval architecture in Essex," 2 vols.; Burton's "English earthenware"; Jacquemart's "History of furniture"; Stratmann's "Middle English dictionary"; Brockhaus' "Kleines Konversations-Lexicon," 2 vols.; Littre's "Dictionnaire de la langue Française," 5 vols.; Tarver's "Phraseological French dictionary," 2 vols.; Contopoulos's "Modern Greek lexicon," 2 vols.; Williams' "Sanskrit dictionary"; Palmer's Persian dictionary," 2 vols.; O'Reilly's "Irish dictionary"; Chodzko's "Polish dictionary"; Margoliouth's "Syriac dictionary"; Lane's Arabic-English lexicon," 8 vols.; Yolland's "Hungarian dictionary"; Redhouse's Turkish dictionary"; Poletti's "Chinese dictionary"; Hepburn's Japanese dictionary"; "Cambridge History of English literature," vol. 1.; Cassell's "Book of quotations"; Schmidt's "Shakespeare lexicon," 2 vols.; Bartlett's "Concordance to Shakespeare"; Furness's "Concordance to Shakespeare's poems"; Lockwood's "Lexicon to Milton"; Abbott's "Concordance to Pope"; Ellis's "Concordance to Shelley"; Brightwell's "Concordance to Tennyson"; Bacon's "Works," ed. by Spedding, 7 vols.; Brome's "Dramatic works," 3 vols.; Cowper's "Correspondence," ed. by Wright, 4 vols.; Etheredge's "Works," ed. by Verity; Gower's "Works," ed. by Macaulay, 4 vols.; Heywood's "Dramatic Works," 6 vols.; Middleton's "Works," ed. by Bullen, 8 vols.; Skelton's "Poetical Works," ed. by Dyce, 2 vols.; "Historians' History of the World," 25 vols.; "Cambridge Modern History" [continued]; Reich's "Select documents illustrating mediæval and modern history"; Victoria County histories: "Essex," vols. 1-2; Besant's "Mediæval London," 2 vols.; "Microcosm of London," 3 vols.; Mann's "Brooke House, Hackney"; Coryat's "Crudities"; Kaempfer's "History of Japan"; and, "A.L.A. Portrait index."

Also, by purchase and gift, the publications of the Palæontographical and Ray Societies; and of H.M. Stationery Office, including the reports of the Historical MSS. Commission and various Royal Commissions.

CATALOGUE.

The whole of the General Catalogue, issued in 1897, has been sold, and only a small stock of the three supplements now remains. The task of preparing a complete catalogue is being proceeded with, and it is intended to have this printed and available for borrowers before the end of 1908.

DONATIONS.

Many important and interesting donations have been received during the year, and a list of donors is appended, to whom the Committee again express their grateful thanks.

An interesting souvenir of Fleetwood House, which formerly stood in Church Street and was pulled down in 1872, has been presented by Miss Mercy, of Iver, Bucks, who was the last occupant of the house. This consists of framed photos of the house, a drawing of the plaster ceiling of the principal room, together with a printed description. Miss Mercy also presented a photo, from a contemporary drawing, of Abney House, which was pulled down in 1843.

Mr. F. E. Manley presented a water-colour drawing of the House on Newington Green, where Samuel Rogers resided for many years, and which was pulled down in 1881.

Additions to the local collection have also been received from Messrs. E. W. Hickox, E. Penstone, D. Hipwell, A. Jermy, and W. McB. and F. Marcham.

The 30 medals struck by the Corporation of the City of London to commemorate important public events, and presented to the Library by the Corporation, are now exhibited in a handsome oak cabinet. The cabinet was designed and made by students at the Hackney Institute.

SAGE BEQUEST.

A selection of engravings has been made from the Sage Bequest and these have been framed and hung in the Small Hall, with other framed pictures and engravings received under the bequest. They consist, principally, of examples of mezzotint, stipple, and other engraved portraits of famous men and women, by eminent engravers, and serve to illustrate the history of engraving (especially mezzotint) in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Appended is a list of the portraits, and these may be seen by arrangement with the Librarian.

LECTURES.

The following Free Lectures have been delivered during the winter, those marked * being illustrated by the lantern :—

General Series.

* "A Trip to the Near East," by Mr. Alderman J. R. Brough.
* "Chaucer's Pilgrims," by Mr. Walter R. Warren, LL.B.
* "India and Indian life," by Mr. T. Hart Davies, M.P.
* "Oliver Cromwell," by Mr. R. V. N. Hopkins.

"Nathaniel Hawthorne," by Mr. J. Tinkler.

"Dr. Johnson and his friends," by Mr. Councillor H. B. Brackenbury, M.R.C.S., &c. (Ex-Mayor of Hornsey).

* "English Scenery: What it is, and what it means," by Mr. T. R. Croger, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., &c.
* "Some English Cathedrals," by Rev. Robert Catterall.
* "Old Shoreditch," by Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, M.A.
* "Through London on a Monkey Boat," by Mr. W. N. Beal.

"Elizabethan Literature," by Mr. Councillor E. C. Price. With musical illustrations.

* "Scotland: its sons and scenery," by Mr. Councillor J. A. Boyd.
* "Ruskin on living architecture," by Mr. Samuel Gardner.
* "Ancient Egypt in Modern light," by Rev. Harold E. Brierley.
* "Use and beauty," by Mr. Edwin Foley.

Juvenile Series.

* "Some wonders of nature in air and sky," by Mr. Frank W. Baxter.
* "Story of our railways," by Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers.
* "The delectable mountains": two lectures on books and reading, by Mr. T. E. Chapman.

These have all been well attended, the hall on most occasions being crowded, and the interest of the public shows no signs of diminution. The attendance at the Juvenile lectures has also been very gratifying.

The Committee again desires to thank, for their valuable voluntary services, the various lecturers named above, the honorary lanternists—Messrs. Frank W. Baxter and W. E. Harding, and also the ladies and gentlemen who assisted by illustrating Councillor Price's lecture.

Special thanks are again due to Mr. Frank W. Baxter for his valuable assistance in the arrangement of various Lectures in connection with the General and Juvenile series.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Library Assistants' Association was held at the Library on February 12th, the Members of the Association being entertained by the Chairman of the Libraries Committee. This is the third visit of the Association to Stoke Newington.

LOCAL COLLECTION.

The Committee desires to call attention to the work which has been done in collecting and preserving in the Library, objects of interest relating to the locality, and also to appeal for assistance in making the collection as nearly complete as possible.

A large amount of material has already accumulated, consisting of books, maps and documents relating to its topography; works by, and portraits and autograph letters of noted residents; and drawings, prints, photographs, and lantern slides of houses, buildings, and other interesting objects, many of which have now disappeared to make way for modern improvements.

The receipt of several interesting additions by gift are acknowledged in this report, while previous reports have all recorded gifts of a similar character; and any residents able to assist in the same way will receive the grateful thanks of the Committee.

While much has been done to preserve the memories of Stoke Newington of the "past," it is also the wish of the Committee that the "present" shall be recorded for the information and interest of future generations. One way in which this can be done is by making a photographic survey of the Borough, and if local photographers, amateur and professional, will give their services, it can easily be accomplished. Any assistance in this work will be cordially welcomed, and photographs or lantern-slides of any of the old houses and other interesting buildings in the Borough will be gladly received.

Reports, programmes, and other publications of local churches and societies are wanted, and the Librarian will give further particulars of what is desired to anyone willing to help.

COMMITTEE.

Following the election of the Committee in November last, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., was re-appointed Chairman, and Mr. Councillor Johnston, Vice-chairman.

STAFF.

In May, 1907, the senior assistant, Mr. A. R. Cass, resigned his position. A re-arrangement of the duties of the other assistants was consequently made, and two additional evening assistants appointed.

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

ANDREW JOHNSTON, *Vice-Chairman.*

May. 13*th*, 1908

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough (estimated 1907) ..	53,395
Area	863 acres
Assessable value, March, 1908	£353,905
Public Libraries Acts adopted :—	
Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (by which the Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, was absorbed)	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ..	April 17th, 1901
Library extension and Lecture Hall opened ..	June 11th, 1904

	1906–7.	1907–8.
Number of Volumes in stock	30,870	32,774
Increase	5,860	1,904
Total number of Volumes issued .. .. (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	141,663	139,165
Daily average issue	538	523
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ..	3,994	3,971
Average number of times which each book has been issued (Lending Library)	6·8	6·2
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	29	29
Daily attendance in Reading Rooms (about) ..	1,500	1,500

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.			
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.
Philosophy and religion	1,312	1,354	2,666	8·1	197	1,585	2,085	3,670	2·6
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	960	1,402	2,362	7·2	252	1,055	1,513	2,568	1·8
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	931	572	1,503	4·6	93	1,606	2,574	4,180	3·0
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	693	365	1,058	3·2	91	1,544	2,214	3,758	2·7
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	848	507	1,355	4·1	224	2,324	2,101	4,425	3·2
Literature and language	1,812	2,770	4,582	14·0	320	2,810	4,274	7,084	5·1
History, biography and travel ..	4,474	5,213	9,687	29·6	467	6,479	5,786	12,265	8·8
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	722	1,793	2,515	7·7	104	1,565	2,416	3,981	2·9
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ..	1,708	..	1,708	5·2	27	12,821	1,217	14,038	10·1
Prose fiction	5,062	276	5,338	16·3	129	82,513	683	83,196	59·8
Total	18,522	14,252	32,774	100·0	1,904	114,302	24,863	139,165	100·0

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 442; Reference Library, 81; Total, 523.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Number of tickets in force, March 31st, 1908, 3,971.

Issued to ratepayers, 835.

Other residents, &c., not ratepayers, 3,136.

Females, 1,898. Males, 2,073.

Accountants	24
Actors and actresses	2
Actuary	1
Agents and collectors ..	38
Apprentices	14
Architects and surveyors ..	18
Artists and draughtsmen ..	27
Assistants and salesmen ..	61
Auctioneers and estate agents	3
Auditor	1
Authors and journalists ..	22
Bakers	6
Bankers	2
Barristers	3
Bar attendants	2
Blind maker	1
Boarding-house keepers ..	4
Bookbinders and folders ..	11
Booksellers, stationers and newsagents	15
Bootmakers	7
Brassfounders	2
Bricklayer	1
Brokers	2
Brushmaker	1
Builders and decorators ..	16
Butchers	7
Buyers	4
Cabinet makers	18
Cane worker	1
Carman..	1
Carpenters and joiners ..	21
Carvers..	2
Cashiers	11
Caterers	2
Cellarman	1
Chair maker	1
Chauffeurs	2
Chefs	2
Chemists and dispensers ..	10
China dealers	3
Cigar makers	2
Civil servants	70
Clergymen and ministers ..	16
Clerks and book-keepers ..	465
Coachbuilders and painters..	3
Coachmen and cabmen ..	2
Commercial travellers ..	44
Confectioners	6
Corn merchants	2
Correspondents	3
Corset makers..	4
Cutler	1
Cycle makers	4
Dairymen	2
Dancing professors	2
Dandy roll maker	1
Dentists and dental mechanics	5
Diamond setters	2
Diamond splitter	1
Distiller	1
Domestic servants	24
Drapers and clothiers ..	18
Dressmakers and milliners ..	70
Dyers	4
Electricians	19
Embroiderer	1
Engineers	36
Engravers	6
Fishmongers	2
Florists..	2
Foremen and forewomen ..	8
French polishers	2
Fruiterers	4
Furniture dealers	2
Furriers	5
Gardeners	2
Gas fitters	4
Gas inspectors and collectors	3
Gas valve man	1
Glass blower	1
Gold and silver smiths ..	7
Gold blockers	2
Grocers..	19
Gilder	1
Gun maker	1

Hairdressers	7
Horse keepers	2
Hosiers	4
House-keepers	13
Incubator makers	2
Inspectors	3
Ironmongers	6
Jewel case maker	1
Job master	1
Labourer	1
Lamp maker	1
Laundry workers	6
Leather workers	2
Lecturers	2
Librarians	2
Licensed victuallers	5
Law stationer	1
Machine ruler	1
Machinists	16
Managers and manageresses	25
Manual training teachers	3
Manufacturers	13
Merchants and importers	20
Marble masons	2
Metal workers	2
Monotype operator	1
Municipal officers	4
Musical instrument maker	1
Musicians and music teachers	23
Naturalist	1
Nurses	12
Office and errand boys	14
Oilmen	2
Omnibus employees	4
Opticians	4
Packers	4
Painters and plumbers	7
Paper hangers	2
Paper stainer	1
Pawnbrokers	2
Pensioners	4
Photographers	6
Physicians and surgeons	9
Pianoforte makers and tuners	15
Picture frame makers	4
Police officers	9
Porters and messengers	10
Post office employees	48
Printers and readers	34
Provision merchants	4
Publishers	2
Railway employees	4
Rate collectors	4
Registrars	3
Relief stamper	1
Saddlers	2
Safe makers	2
Scholars and students	483
School attendance officer	1
Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses	180
Scientific instrument makers	2
Secretaries	10
Shirt makers	2
Shop fitter	1
Sign writers	2
Silver mounters and polishers	4
Solicitors	8
Stockbrokers	2
Stonemasons	3
Storekeepers	2
Surgical instrument makers	3
Tailors and tailoresses	16
Tax collector	1
Telegraphists	18
Telephone operators	8
Tie makers	2
Timber merchant	1
Tobacconists	4
Tramway employees	5
Trimming maker	1
Trunk maker	1
Turners	4
Type founder	1
Typists and stenographers	32
Undertaker	1
Upholsterers	2
Vergers	2
Vocalists	2
Waiters and waitresses	2
Warehousemen	34
Watchmakers and jewellers	12
Wheelwright	1
Wine merchant	1
Wig maker	1
Zoological gardens keeper	1
Not stated (principally wives and daughters of ratepayers)	1,481
	3,971

DONATIONS.

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0
Mercy, Miss, Iver, Bucks..	1	1	0

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Alcock, Mr. Councillor (Hawksley Road) 2
Anglo-American Oil Co. .. 1
Anonymous 4
Bates, Mrs. (Caddington Vicarage) 1
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. 7
Birch, Mr. J. Basil (Tottenham) 1
Blackaby, Mr. F. C. (Dalston) 1
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 2
British College of Physical Education 1
British Museum, Trustees of .. 5
Cape Colony, Agent-General for 1
Carnegie, Mr. Andrew, LL.D. (Skibo Castle) 1
Collingwood Bros., Messrs. .. 1
Comer, Mrs. R. (Lordship Park) 8
Commissioner of Education, U.S.A... 2
Cruse, Mr. J. (Nevill Road) .. 1
Dawes, Mr. W. J. (Paget Road) 24
Edinburgh University.. .. 1
Exeter City Council 1
Financial Reform Association 1
Food and Cookery Publishing Agency 1
Gamble, Mr. J. H. (Grayling Road) 2
Gardiner, Mr. J. (Chesholm Road) 13
Gladstone, Mr. W. E., Trustees of the late 3
Goodrich, Miss (Church Street) 2
Griffiths, Mr. H. 1
Hammersmith Borough Council 1
Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. (Lordship Road) 14
Hazelhurst, Mr. J. 1
Higgleton, Mr. E. J. (Oldfield Road) 8
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood).. 8
H. M. Stationery Office Parliamentary Papers
Hogg, Mrs. J. J. (Manor Road) 1
Hogg, Mr. J. J. (Manor Road) 2
Howard Association 1
Hunt, Dr. G. Angus (Paradise Row) 1
Jermy, Mr. A. (Castle Street) 8
John Rylands Library, Manchester 3
King's College, London .. 1
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. (Farringdon Street).. .. 2
Leach, Mr. C. Vernon (Albion Road) 10
London Brighton and South Coast Railway 1
London, Corporation of the City of 1
London County Council .. 6
London Directory Co... .. 1
Marcham, Messrs. W. McB. & F. (Hornsey) 39
Mather & Crowther, Messrs. .. 1
Myers, Miss D. (Winston Road) 1
National Union of Teachers (Russell Square) 1
Northampton Polytechnic .. 1
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. (Cannon Street) 1
Penstone, Mr. E. (Stamford Hill) 1
Pratt, Mr. E. A. (Farnborough, Kent) 2
Radmall, Mr. J. (Woodberry Down).. 12
Reid, Miss E. L. 1
Rippin, Mr. E. H. (Clissold Road) 1

Rogers, Mr. R. F. (Milton Road) 1
Rutter, Mme. (Church Street) 10
Savery, Mr. Alderman (Woodberry Down) 1
Schooling, Mr. J. H. 1
Smith, Mr. W. 2
Sternberg, Mr. Leo. (Hackenberg, Germany) 2
Stubbs Publishing Co (New Broad Street) 1
Taunton Town Council .. 1
Trinity College of Music .. 1
Turpin, Mr. A. T. (Avenue Road) 1
University Tutorial Press .. 1
Waddie & Co., Messrs. (Edinburgh) 1
Watkins, Mr. A. 1
Welch, Mr. Charles, F.S.A. (Seven Sisters' Road) .. 24
Whitaker & Son (Warwick Lane) 1

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. Six Framed maps of the Home Counties. The London Topographical Society's reproductions, viz.:—Plan of buildings in Whitehall, showing the Cockpit, &c , as they stood in 1680; Plans of London and Westminster from the "Speculum Britanniæ" of John Norden, 1593.
Hickox, Mr. E. W. (Seven Sisters Road). Photos from drawings of Old Manor Toll House; Blackstock Lane in 1832; and, Highbury Sluice House.
Manley, Mr. F. E. (Allerton Road). Water-colour drawing of Samuel Rogers' House, Newington Green.
Mercy, Miss (Iver, Bucks). Framed souvenir of Fleetwood House. Photo from a contemporary drawing of Abney House.
Ormond, Mr. Councillor. Oak library ladder.
Salmon, Rev W. Bryant, M.A. Oak portfolio stand.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. Councillor (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph, Lynn news.
Aukland, Mrs. (Woodberry Down). Temperance times.
Baxter, Mr. D. (Colchester). Catholic fireside.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Catford, Mr. C. E. (Victoria Grove). Labour leader.
Day, Mr. G. National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias's Parish magazine.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayward, Mr. A. E. (Church Street). Eastern weekly press.
Jukes, Rev. A. L., M.A. West Hackney Parish monthly.
Latreille, Rev. G. B., A.K.C. St. John the Evangelist's Parish magazine.
Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.
Miles, Mr. A. (Tottenham). Zion's Watch tower.
Reed, Mr. T. W. (Pembury Grove). Land and labour.
Reeves, Mr. W. J. (Wyatt Road). St. John's Highbury Parish magazine.
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory). St. Mary's Parish magazine.
Savery, Mr. Alderman (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Spring, Miss (Bethune Road). Foreign field.
Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street). Oddfellows' magazine.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). British congregationalist.
Winckworth, Mr. Councillor (Alexandra Road). Young abstainer.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, ETC.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Finsbury, Hammersmith, Kensington, Queen's Park (Paddington), St. Pancras, Shoreditch, Southwark, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Baillies' Institution (Glasgow), Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Bingham (Cirencester), Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bromley, Bury, Cardiff, Chiswick, Cleveland (U.S.A.), Croydon, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Gloucester, Hamburg, Hanley, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Middlesbrough, New York, U.S.A., Newcastle, Nottingham, Paisley, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Salford, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, West Bromwich, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Yarmouth, York.

LIST OF MEDALS EXHIBITED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

These Medals were struck by the Corporation of the City of London to commemorate the following important public events:—

1. Opening of London Bridge, 1831 (large).
2. Do. do. (small).
3. Passing of the Reform Bill, 1832.
4. Founding of the City of London School, 1834.
5. Visit of Queen Victoria, 1837.
6. Opening of the Coal Exchange, 1849.
7. Reception of the Emperor and Empress of the French, 1855.
8. Reception of the King of Sardinia, 1855.
9. Entry of Princess Alexandra, 1863.
10. Reception of the Sultan of Turkey, 1867.
11. Opening of Blackfriars Bridge and of the Holborn Valley Viaduct, 1869.
12. Thanksgiving for the Prince of Wales's recovery, 1872.
13. Reception of the Shah of Persia, 1873.
14. Reception of the Emperor of Russia, 1874.
15. Removal of Temple Bar, 1878.
16. Reception of the King of the Hellenes, 1880.
17. Dedication of Epping Forest, 1882.
18. Opening of the New City of London School, 1882.
19. Opening of the New Council Chamber, 1884.
20. Admission of Prince Albert Victor to the Freedom, 1885.
21. Colonial and Indian reception, 1886.
22. Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1887.
23. 700th anniversary of the Mayoralty, 1889.
24. Reception of the Emperor of Germany, 1891.
25. Marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York, 1893.
26. Reception of the King and Queen of Denmark, 1893.
27. Opening of the Tower Bridge, 1894.
28. Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1897.
29. Return of the City Imperial Volunteers, 1900.
30. Visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, 1902.

LIST OF FRAMED PORTRAITS FROM THE SAGE BEQUEST.

These may be seen by arrangement with the Librarian.

NOTE.—"*m*" Mezzotint. "*s*" Stipple. "*l*" Line engraving. "*e*" Etching.

SUBJECT.		ARTIST.	ENGRAVER.	No.
Duchess of Ancaster, d. 1793	*m*	T. Hudson	J. McArdell	74
Queen Anne, b. 1665, d. 1714	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	14
Joseph Baretti, b. 1719, d. 1789	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Watts	28
Duchess of Beaufort	*s*	Anne Mee	A. Cardon	51
James Boswell, b. 1740, d. 1795	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Jones	23
Lady Broughton, d. 1785	*m*	Do.	J. Wilson	30
Lord Richard Cavendish, b. 1752, d. 1781	*m*	Do.	J. R. Smith	69
Anthony Chamier, b. 1725, d. 1780	*m*	Do.	W. Ward	70
Countess of Charlemont, b. 1781, d. 1876	*s*	Anne Mee	J. Agar	50
George James Cholmondeley, b. 1752, d. 1830	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Jones	66
Barbara, Duchess of Cleveland, b. 1641, d. 1709	*m*	Sir P. Lely	T. Watson	64
John Colet, Dean of St. Paul's, b. 1467, d. 1519	*s*	H. Holbein	Bocquet	83
Jeremy Collier, b. 1650, d. 1726	*l*		R. White	82
Mrs. Collier [Chloe lamenting her dead sparrow]	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	R. Houston	32
Henry Compton, Bishop of London, b. 1632, d. 1713	*m*	J. Riley	I. Beckett	13
Mrs. Cosway, 1820 *Col.*	*s*	R. Cosway	L. Schiavonetti	94
Lady Elizabeth Cromwell, d. 1709	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	12
Isabella Czartoryski	*s*	R. Cosway	G. Testolini	45
Hon. Anne Damer, b. 1749, d. 1828	*s*	A. Kauffman	T. Ryder	93
Henry Danvers, Earl of Danby, b. 1573, d. 1644	*m*	Sir A. Van Dyck	V. Green	63
Countess of Dorsett, d. 1691	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Faber	37
Mrs. Duff	*s*	R. Cosway	J. Agar	42
George, Lord Edgcumbe, b. 1721, d. 1795	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	E. Fisher	29
Mrs. Fitzherbert, b. 1756, d. 1837	*e*	G. Romney	C. Waltner	41
Sir Samuel Garth, b. 1661, d. 1719	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	52
George III., b. 1738, d. 1830	*l*	A. Ramsay	W. Ryland	79
William, Duke of Gloucester, b. 1689, d. 1700	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	36
Lady Grammont, b. 1641, d. 1708	*m*	Sir P. Lely	J. McArdell	62

Subject.		Artist.	Engraver.	No.
Robert Haldane, of Gleneagles, Perthshire	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	G. Clint	71
Lady Dalrymple Hamilton, d. 1852	*s*	Anne Mee	J. Agar	49
Lady Heathcote	*s*	R. Cosway	Do.	43
Lady Heathcote	*s*	Anne Mee	Do.	46
Sir William James, b. 1721, d. 1783	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. R. Smith	68
Dr. Samuel Johnson, b. 1709, d. 1784	Oil painting after Sir J. Reynolds			61
Do.	Oil painting. Artist unknown			57
Do.	*l*	J. Barry	Anker Smith	90
Do.	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	W. Doughty	22
Dr. Johnson in his travelling dress, as described in Boswell's "Tour"	*l*			91
Mrs. Keck	*m*	R. Brompton	E. Fisher	76
Hon. Augustus Keppel, b. 1725, d. 1786	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	—	27
Miss Macdonald	*m*	Sir T. Lawrence	S. Cousins	47
John, Duke of Marlborough, b. 1650, d. 1722	*m*	M. Dahl	J. Simon	17
Mary of England, b. 1516, d. 1558, and Philip II. of Spain	*m*	Sir A. More	J. Brown	84
Mrs. Middleton, b. 1645, d. 1692 [*proof*]	*m*	Sir P. Lely	J. McArdell	10
John Milton as a boy of 10, b. 1608, d. 1674	*e*	C. Johnson	I. B. Cipriani	89
Lord Nelson, b. 1758, d. 1805	*l* & *s*			38
Do.	*s*		T. Teag	86
Cardinal Newman, b. 1801, d. 1890	*s*			86
Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol, b. 1704, d. 1782	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	T. Watson	21
Robert, Earl of Oxford, b. 1661, d 1724	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	16
James Paine, b. 1725, d. 1789, and James Paine, Jun.	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Watson	65
Philip, Count Pembroke, b 1584, d. 1650	*l*	Sir A. Van Dyck	P. Lambart	6
Thomas Herbert, Count Pembroke, b. 1656, d. 1733	*m*	W. Wissing	J. Smith	34
Thomas Percy, Bishop of Dromore, b. 1729, d. 1811	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	W. Dickinson	24
William Pitt, b. 1708, d. 1778	*m*	W. Hoare	R. Houston	20
Madame Recamier, b. 1777, d. 1849	*s*	R. Cosway	A. Cardon	44
Sir Joshua Reynolds, b. 1723, d. 1792	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	V. Green	58
Do.	*l*	Do.	T. W. Hunt	25
Countess of Rutland	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	19
Duchess of St. Albans	*m*	Do.	Do.	72
Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, b. 1563, d. 1612 [*proof*]	*s*	W. Hilton	C. Picart	4
Sir Walter Scott, b. 1771, d. 1832	*m*	F. Grant	T. Hodgetts	39
Do.	*l*	Sir T. Lawrence	J. Horsburgh	40
Do. [Carbon photo by A. Braun]				60
Mrs. Scroop	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Faber	73

Subject.		Artist.	Engraver.	No.
Belle, Countess of Sefton	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Watson	31
William Shakespeare, b. 1564, d. 1616		M. Droeshout	Photo litho	5
Do. [from monument]			Litho J. B.	55
Mrs. Sheridan [St. Cæcilia], b. 1754, d. 1792	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	T. Watson	33
Sir Robert Shirley, d. 1628	*s*	W. Gardiner	Birrell	7
John, Lord Somers, b. 1651, d. 1716	*m*	J. Richardson	J. Smith	15
Countess Spencer, d. 1831	*s*	Sir J. Reynolds	F. Bartolozzi	92
Ann, Lady Stanhope, d. 1811 [*proof*]	*m*	Do.	J. Watson	81
William Strahan, b. 1715, d. 1785	*m*	Do.	J. Jones	26
Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, b. 1593, d. 1641	*m*	Sir A. Van Dyck		8
Do. and Sir Phillip Mainwaring, b. 1589, d. 1661	*l*		G. Vertue	81
Dorothy Sidney, Countess of Sunderland, b. 1617, d. 1684	*m*		W. T. Fry	9
Ann, Lady Torrington	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	18
Lord John Townsend	*m*	Sir J. Reynolds	J. Jones	67
The Ladies Waldegrave	*m*		G. S. Shury	56
William Warham, Archbishop of Canterbury, b. 1450, d. 1532	*s*	H. Holbein	F. Bartolozzi	1
Sir T. Wentworth, b. 1501, d. 1551	*s*	Do.	Do.	3
Thomas, Marquis of Wharton, b. 1648, d. 1715	*m*	Sir G. Kneller	J. Smith	53
William III., b. 1650, d. 1702	*m*	Do.	Do.	11
William Wissing, b. 1656, d. 1687	*m*	W. Wissing	Do.	35
Sir Thomas Wyatt, b. 1503, d. 1542	*s*	H. Holbein	F. Bartolozzi	2
Sir William Wyndham, b. 1687, d. 1740	*m*	J. Faber	J. Faber	54
Girl soaping linen	*m*	H. Morland	P. Dawe	75
Head of a Lady [life size]	*m*	T. Frye	T. Frye	59

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831–50, 1852–8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5.
Engineer. v. 71–2, 79.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27.
Illustrated London news. v. 100, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 2, 3, 16.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867–76.
Quarterly Review. v. 128–130, 132–133, 160, 164–69, 201.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43–50, 1874–7.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parish magazine. All previous to 1887.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1–41.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES PLACED IN THE READING ROOMS.

* Presented by the publishers.

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DAILY.

Daily chronicle
Daily express
Daily graphic
Daily mail
Daily news
Daily telegraph
Evening news
Evening standard
Financial times
Globe
Islington gazette
Morning leader
Morning post
Pall Mall gazette
Standard
Star
Times
Westminster gazette

WEEKLY.

*Alliance news
Amateur photographer
American machinist
Angler's news
Architect
Athenæum
*Autocar
Black and white
*Board of Trade journal
†British congregationalist
*British emigrant
British journal of photography
British weekly
Builder
*Building news
†Cage birds
*Canada
*Canadian gazette
Carpenter and builder
†Catholic times
*Christian science sentinel
Christian world
Church times
City press
*Civil Service aspirant
*Civil Service candidate
*Civil Service competitor
*Civil Service weekly
*Civilian
Contract journal
†Co-operative news
†Daylight
*Drapers' record
*Dress cutting and making
†Eastern weekly press
*Electrical engineering
†Electrical review
Electrician
†Electricity
Engineer
*Engineering
†English churchman
English mechanic
Era
†Essex telegraph
Exchange and mart (Friday ed.)
Gardeners' chronicle
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Guardian
*Hackney and Kingsland gazette (tri-weekly)
Hobbies
*Hornsey and Finsbury Park journal
*House property
*Illustrated journal of patents
Illustrated London news
Irish times
*Islington post
Jewish chronicle
†Labour leader
Lady's pictorial
*Laundry journal
*Local government chronicle
*Local government journal
*Local government officer
*London argus
*London County County gazette
*Londoner general-anzeiger
*Londoner zeitung. Hermann
†Lynn news
*Motor cycle
*Motor traction
Municipal journal
Nation
Nature
*News of the world
*North London guardian (bi-weekly)
Notes and queries
*Pitman's journal
*Poor law officers' journal

*Poultry
Punch
Queen
*Railway review
Saturday review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scotsman
Sketch
Spectator
*Stoke Newington recorder
†Sussex express
*Throne
*Tottenham herald (Wed. ed.)
Truth
Vanity Fair
Work
World

MONTHLY.

†Abolitionist
*Agricultural economist
Albany review
Animal world
Art journal
*Baker's times (bi-monthly)
*Board of Agriculture journal
Book monthly
Bookman
Bookseller
Boy's own paper
Captain
Cassell's magazine
†Catholic fireside
Century
*Certificate examiner (bi-monthly)
*Chamber of Commerce journal
Chambers' journal
*Charity record (bi-monthly)
Chums
*Church of England League gazette
*Conservative and Unionist
*Concord
Connoisseur
Contemporary review
*Cook's travellers' gazette
*Educational times
Engineering magazine
English illustrated magazine
*Food and cookery
†Foreign field
Fortnightly review
*Free Sunday advocate
†Friendly leaves
*Garden City
Geographical journal
Girl's own paper
Girl's realm
*Glad tidings
*G.W.R. magazine
Harper's magazine
*Herald of health
†Herald of peace
*Herald of the Cross
*Humanitarian
*Incorporated Accountants' journal
*Incorporated clerk of works association
*Insurance agent
*Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute
Knowledge
*Labour co-partnership
†Land and labour
*Liberator
Library Association record
Library world
*Literary guide
Literary world
*Manual training teacher
*Musical herald
Musical times
†National Deposit Friendly Society's magazine
National review
*Navy League journal
*New Church magazine
*New Testament christianity
Nineteenth Century and after
†Oddfellows' magazine
*Our own gazette
Pall Mall magazine
*Phrenologist
*Plumber and decorator
*Presbyterian Church record
*Printers' sales and wants
*Progressive monthly
*Protestant woman
*Quadrant magazine
*Railway clerk
Railway magazine
*Return of the deaths of seamen
Review of reviews
†St. John the Evangelist's parish magazine
†St. John's Highbury parish magazine
†St. Mary's parish magazine

†St. Matthias's parish magazine
*Script phonographic journal
*Socialist standard
*State correspondent
*Strad
Strand magazine
Studio
*Sugar user's journal
*Tailor and cutter
†Temperance times
*University correspondent (bi-monthly)
†Vaccination inquirer
*Vulcan
†West Hackney parish magazine
*Wheatsheaf
Windsor magazine
*Woodworker and art metal worker
†Young abstainer
*Young protestant
†Zion's watch tower (bi-monthly)
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Academic gazette
*Anglo-Russian
*Anti-slavery reporter
Army list
*East London church chronicle
Edinburgh review
*Free Russia
Hibbert journal
Home counties magazine
†Journal of the Geological Society
Navy list
Post Office guide
Quarterly review
*Southern field

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Metropolitan Water Board, Stoke Newington Borough Council, Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

A. B. C., Bradshaw, Cambrian, Continental Bradshaw, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, North London, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council's list of workmen's trains and trams.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART I.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1908 (subject to Government audit).

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement				163	12	11
Rates—Actual product of 1d. in the £ ..	1,371	10	10			
Donations and Subscriptions	4	13	0			
Fines and Penalties	76	13	2			
Sale of Readers' Tickets	16	8	0			
Sale of Catalogues	6	15	10			
Hire of Hall and Committee Room ..	295	7	3			
Advertisements	29	10	0			
Telephone Call Office Commission ..	2	0	5			
Miscellaneous—Waste Paper, Reserve Postcards, &c.	11	13	1			
TOTAL INCOME				1,814	11	7
				£1,978	4	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Furniture	91	13	1			
Gas and Mantles	106	18	5			
Coal, Coke and Water	41	10	9			
Cleaning materials, &c.	13	15	0			
				253	16	6
Books	402	19	4			
Binding and Numbering Books	111	16	1			
Newspapers and Magazines	85	18	10			
				600	14	3
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning) ..				692	19	4
Printing and Stationery	60	6	3			
Taxes and Insurance	17	18	4			
Postages and Sundries	22	3	0			
				100	7	7
Loans—Principal and Interest				184	6	4
Expenses of Local Government Board Enquiry				5	6	7
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				1,837	10	7
BALANCE				140	13	11
				£1,978	4	6

BUILDING EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's Statement	1,400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Balance to be met by Loan	1,400	0	0

Mr. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance—In Bank	69	12	1	Expenditure in connection with Free Lectures			
Less Balance due to Librarian ..		8	2		8	19	3
	69	3	11	Balance—In Bank	61	8	11
Bank Interest	1	16	10	In hands of Librarian ..		12	7
					62	1	6
	£71	0	9		£71	0	9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II. Loan Account—Year ended 31st March, 1908.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amount paid this year. Principal.			Amount paid this year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of year.		
		£		Years	£				£	s.	d	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site.	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½ %	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined	853	14	11	12	14	6	29	15	6	841	0	5
2	Erection of Building.	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½ %	60 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined	1,685	9	3	83	11	0	58	5	4	1,601	18	3
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,539	4	2	96	5	6	88	0	10	2,442	18	8

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Accountant.*

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OF

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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1908-9.

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Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Nineteenth Annual Report.

For the Year ended 31st March, 1909.

The Public Libraries Committee presents the following report on the work of the Library during the past year.

STOCK AND ISSUES.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 33,227 (18,591 in the Lending Library and 14,636 in the Reference Library) a net increase during the year, by purchase and gift, of 453 volumes.

The number of volumes issued during the year was 130,601, representing a daily average of 498. This is a decrease of 8,564 in the total issues, and 25 in the daily average, as compared with the previous year. The decrease in fiction was 7,202 volumes, while small increases are noted in the following classes:—religion 17; sociology 389; fine arts 648; and literature and language 11.

The percentage of fiction to the total stock is 14·9. In the issues, the percentage of juvenile literature has fallen from 10·1 to 10·0, and fiction from 59·8 to 58·2.

The issues from the Juvenile Library were 13,052 volumes, representing a daily average of 53.

BORROWERS.

The total number of borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st, 1909, was 3,955, a decrease of 16 compared with last year. Tickets were held by 851 ratepayers in their own names, 3,104 by members of ratepayers' families, other residents, &c., of whom 69 were non-resident employees and subscribers. Among the borrowers were included 305 children under 15 years of age.

STOCKTAKING.

At the annual stocktaking 625 worn-out, obsolete and incomplete volumes, were withdrawn from circulation, 344 of these being replaced by new copies. There have been 11 volumes lost or damaged by borrowers, who have paid the cost of their replacement, eight volumes lost through the removal of borrowers and guarantors, whom the Librarian has been unable to trace, and two Juvenile books unaccounted for. During the year 1,238 volumes have been bound or rebound, the cost of binding and numbering being £97 14s. 8d.

LIBRARY ATTENDANCE.

A census of visitors to the various departments of the Library was taken on three days in March, the attendance of visitors to all departments being—on Monday 1,930, on Thursday 2,273, and on Saturday 2,583. On Saturday, March 13th, the attendance in Newsroom was 1,781, Lending Library borrowers 684, Reference Library borrowers 132, Juvenile Library borrowers and readers 165, and Lecture audience 280. The total number of books issued on this day was 888.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The stock of books in this department now numbers 14,636, an increase of 384 volumes.

The number of volumes issued to readers on written application shows a slight decrease, the daily average being 76, compared with 81 during 1907-8. No regular record is taken of the number of persons who consult the handbooks and directories which are placed on the unenclosed shelves, but from occasional counts it is estimated that over 200 persons use these daily.

Four volumes, of the total value of £1 3s., have been stolen from the unenclosed shelves in the Reference Library. One of these, with a large number of volumes belonging to various Libraries, has been found in the possession of a man who was charged and convicted of stealing books from another Library. It is much to be regretted that mutilation of periodicals and directories, by readers, still continues.

In consequence of the expenditure on printing the new general catalogue, the sum available for buying books has been much smaller than in the past few years. The total amount expended on the purchase of new, and the replacement of worn-out books, was £159 8s. 5d.

The following are the principal additions, viz. :—Calthrop's "English Costume," 4 vols. ; Gould's "History of Freemasonry," 2 vols. ; Morris's "History of British Butterflies" ; Cregeen's "Dictionary of the Manx Language" ; Lalis's "Dictionary of Lithuanian and English Languages" ; "Le Larousse pour tous,"

vol. 1; Mackay's "Dictionary of Lowland Scotch"; Macleod's "Dictionary of the Gaelic Language"; Smyth's "Sailor's Word-Book"; Garrick's "Poetical Works," 2 vols.; "Johnsonian Miscellanies," ed. by Hill, 2 vols.; Lee's "Dramatick Works," 3 vols.; Milton's "Poetical Works" [Astolat Press]; Savage's "Works," 2 vols.; Shadwell's "Dramatic Works," 4 vols; Shirley's "Dramatic Works and Poems," 6 vols.; Warton's "History of English Poetry," ed. by Hazlitt, 4 vols.; Besant's "Early London"; Norman and Caröe's "Crosby Place"; Ellis's "History of Shoreditch"; Robinson's "History and Antiquities of Enfield"; Bird's "Guide to the Documents of the Public Record Office"; Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society," 5 vols.; Keene's "Oriental Biographical Dictionary"; Phillipps's "Dictionary of Biographical Reference"; Rees's "Notable Welshmen."

READING ROOM.

The list of periodicals purchased for the Reading Rooms has been revised and the following added, viz.:—Antiquary, Badminton Magazine, Deutsche Revue, Economist, English Historical Review, Le Figaro, Library, Modern Business, Revue des deux mondes, and St. Nicholas Magazine. Several others have been added by gift, and including these, there are now provided 125 Daily and Weekly, and 130 Monthly and Quarterly newspapers and magazines.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of books in the Juvenile Library again shows a small decline, although the attendance in the Reading Room is well maintained. An alteration in the arrangement of the Counter is about to be carried out whereby the Lending Lobby will be separated from the Reading Room and admission to the latter will be under stricter supervision.

CATALOGUE.

A new complete catalogue of the Lending and Reference Departments has been published during the year, taking the place of the general catalogue published in 1897, and the four supplements.

Owing to the large addition of books during recent years, including the Sage Bequest, the bulk of the catalogue is nearly trebled and the cost of printing proportionately heavy.

The tender of Messrs. Willis & Co., of Lamb's Buildings, was accepted for the work, the printing was commenced in October, 1908, and completed in February, 1909, the total cost of 2,750 copies being £325 8s. 7d. Advertisements were secured amounting to £80 11s. 6d., reducing the cost to £244 17s. 1d.

Advantage was taken of the revision of the catalogue to withdraw a large number of obsolete and duplicate volumes, especially in fiction, and to replace many of the older works in Science and Technology by more recent editions.

It is believed that the decrease in the issues reported during the past two years has been partly due to the need for a revised catalogue, and it is hoped, and indeed signs are already apparent, that the issues will now show an upward tendency.

The compiling and seeing through the press of a work of this magnitude added greatly to the labours of, and reflect great credit upon our excellent Librarian, Mr. George Preece, and his assistant, Mr. Harper. All readers are under much obligation for these services, which the Committee has had much pleasure in acknowledging.

DONATIONS.

Several important and interesting donations have been received during the year, and the Committee desires again cordially to thank the various donors, a list of whom is appended to the report.

Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A. presented 19 volumes of the publications of the Bibliographical Society, Robert Proctor's "Bibliographical Essays" and "Three hundred notable books added to the British Museum under the Keepership of Richard Garnett," Bibliographies of Richard Bentley and Sir Isaac Newton, and various periodicals and pamphlets.

Councillor Wright presented "Etchings and woodcuts" of Jean-François Millet, and Ricci's "Antonio Allegri Da Correggio."

Mr. T. G. Matthews presented volumes 1—22 of "The Ecclesiologist," in addition to other volumes; and several additions have been made to the local collection.

LOCAL COLLECTION.

The Committee has had but a small general response to last year's appeal for additions to the local collection, but one item of special importance and interest has been contributed by Mr. Frank W. Baxter, consisting of a "Transcript of the inscriptions on the Tomb Monuments and Stones in the Church and Churchyard of St. Mary's Old Parish Church" with plan of the Church and Churchyard.

Mr. Baxter has given much time and labour to the compilation of this transcript, and the Committee and inhabitants of the Borough are indebted to him for adding so valuable a piece of work to the records of the Borough.

Messrs. W. McB. and F. Marcham have made and presented copies of various local deeds and documents, including a "List of persons assessed for Hearth Tax for Stoke Newington in 1674."

Other items of local interest have been presented by Miss Bagust, and Messrs. J. H. Allchin, B. J. Dann, D. Hipwell, G. Hudson, A. Jermy, and H. Rose.

A list of framed portraits of local celebrities exhibited in the Library, is appended to the report, and the Committee will be grateful for further additions to this collection.

COURT ROLLS.

The Committee has ascertained that a portion of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Stoke Newington, covering the period 12—23 Elizabeth (1569-80) are in the custody of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who on being applied to, readily gave permission for these to be examined and translated. After examination by Messrs. F. E. Manley and C. Welch, it was decided to have the rolls translated, and this work has been carried out by Messrs. F. and W. McB. Marcham. The Committee attaches great importance to the work of discovering and preserving old records of the locality, and hopes to continue its work in this direction.

Several other local records, deeds, etc., have been acquired by purchase and gift.

LECTURES.

The Free Lectures have been continued during the past year, but the public interest in these, as shown by the average attendance, has not been quite so keen as in previous seasons. Fifteen Lectures have been delivered to adults, and four to juvenile audiences, viz:—

General Series.

"The folk-lore of birds," by Rev. Canon J. W. Horsley, M.A. (Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth).

"The English Essayists," by Rev. Fredk. W. Ford.

* "Lighthouses: and how they are built," by Edward H. Montauban, Esq., M.A. (Headmaster of Junior School, Dover College) with models.

* "The London Pageant of 1909," by Charles Welch, Esq., F.S.A.

* "Stones of English History," by R. Marshman Wattson, Esq.

* "South Africa: its Commerce, Native Races, &c.," by H. Handcock, Esq. (Secretary, Imperial South African Association).

* "The Thames and its Docks," by J. G. Broodbank, Esq. (Secretary, London and India Docks Co.)

"Our Norse Forefathers," by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, M.A. (Archdeacon of Middlesex and Rector of Chelsea).

* "Old London Bridge and Neighbourhood," by Frederick G. Cash, Esq.

* "Tennyson's Arthurian Legend," by P. Maurice Beachcroft, Esq., B.A.

* "Canada," by Raymond Greene, Esq., L.C.C.
* "Animal life, past and present," by Professor J. S. Bridges, B.Sc., F.C.S., F.G.S.
* "Masters of Italian Art," by Miss Lucy Chater.
* "The Royal Exchange and its Frescoes," by Frank W. Baxter, Esq.

JUVENILE SERIES.

"Gods and heroes of Greece and Rome," by J. Tinkler, Esq.
* "Westminster Abbey," by Mrs. John J. Hogg.
* "Conquering the Air: Story of Aerial Navigation," by W. C. Berwick Sayers, Esq.
* "Tales from Shakespeare," by Frank W. Baxter, Esq.

Those marked * were illustrated by the Lantern.

It is only through the voluntary assistance of ladies and gentlemen who are willing to give their services that the Lectures can be provided, and the Committee again desires to express its thanks and indebtedness to all these lecturers for their valuable services during the past season, and also to Messrs. F. W. Baxter and W. E. Harding for again giving their services at the lantern. The Committee is also specially grateful to Mr. F. W. Baxter for valuable assistance in connection with the arrangement of various lectures, in addition to the services specified in other portions of the report.

MILTON TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The Tercentenary of the birth of John Milton was celebrated in the Library Hall, by an Entertainment on December 9th, and an Exhibition of Miltoniana which was open from December 9th to 12th, 1908.

The Entertainment consisted of (1) a lecture on the portraits and homes of Milton, by the Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee (Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L.) illustrated by lantern slides, and interspersed with recitals of passages from Milton, by Miss Winifred Rae and Messrs. Gilbert Hudson and F. E. Manley; (2) an appreciation of Milton by Rev. A. B. Boyd Carpenter, M.A.; and (3) a selection of music under the direction of Mr. James Matthews, assisted by Dr. H. T. Pringuer, F.R.C.O., Miss Florence Griffiths, Messrs. H. J. Dunn, Douglas St. Aubyn, and members of St. Mary's Choir.

The Exhibition comprised copies of all editions of works of Milton published during his lifetime, and first editions of all his posthumous works (with the exception of three items of which facsimiles were shown) and included copies of the first edition of "Paradise Lost," with all six variations of the title page. Nearly 100 portraits, drawings and engravings were also shown, as well as various busts, facsimile autographs, and a unique steel puncheon with bust portrait of Milton engraved by Simon.

That the Exhibition was made possible is due to the fact that Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, who possesses a notable and valuable

collection of Miltoniana, generously placed the gems of his collection at the disposal of the Committee, and gave untiring labour in arranging the exhibits and compiling the annotated and illustrated catalogue.

The celebration was thoroughly successful, and the special thanks of the Committee are due to the several ladies and gentlemen who are mentioned above, to the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, K.C.V.O., Mr. Sheriff and Deputy Baddeley, J.P., The High Master and Governors of St. Paul's School, and Samuel Bewsher, Esq., Ex-Mayor of Hammersmith and Bursar of St. Paul's School, for kindly lending portraits and other objects for exhibition; and to Mr. Frank W. Baxter for his assistance in connection with the entertainment and exhibition.

A special Committee was appointed to carry out the celebration, consisting of the members of the Books Sub-Committee, together with Mr. Sheriff and Deputy Baddeley, J.P., Messrs. Frank W. Baxter, Gilbert Hudson, and Alfred W. Mackenzie. Mr. Councillor White, LL.D., B.A., was appointed Chairman.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Library was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Library Association held at Brighton, by Mr. Alderman Brough, and the Librarian.

COMMITTEE.

Following the election of the Committee in November last, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Councillor Wright (Ex-Mayor) was appointed Vice-Chairman.

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

W. S. WRIGHT, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 10*th*, 1909.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the Borough (estimated 1908) ..	53,747
Area	863 acres
Assessable value, March, 1908	£353,905
Public Libraries Acts adopted :—	
Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (by which the Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, was absorbed)	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ..	April 17th, 1901
Library extension and Lecture Hall opened ..	June 11th, 1904

	1907–8.	1908–9.
Number of Volumes in stock	32,744	33,227
Increase	1,904	453
Total number of Volumes issued .. .. (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	139,165	130,601
Daily average issue	523	498
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ..	3,971	3,955
Average number of times which each book has been issued (Lending Library)	6·2	5·8
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	29	27

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.			
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.
Philosophy and religion	1,382	1,391	2,773	8·3	107	1,745	1,942	3,687	2·8
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	988	1,466	2,454	7·4	92	1,399	1,558	2,957	2·3
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	943	596	1,539	4·6	36	1,622	2,024	3,646	2·8
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	717	385	1,102	3·3	44	1,726	1,938	3,664	2·8
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	906	535	1,441	4·3	86	2,796	2,277	5,073	3·9
Literature and language	1,897	2,818	4,715	14·2	133	2,950	4,145	7,095	5·4
History, biography and travel ..	4,623	5,298	9,921	29·9	234	6,460	5,320	11,780	9·0
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	742	1,870	2,612	7·9	97	1,320	2,333	3,653	2·8
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ..	1,731	..	1,731	5·2	23	11,960	1,092	13,052	10·0
Prose fiction	4,662	277	4,939	14·9	—399	75,537	457	75,994	58·2
Total	18,591	14,636	33,227	100·0	453	107,515	23,086	130,601	100·0

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 422; Reference Library, 76; Total, 498.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Altman, Mrs. (Imperial Avenue) 6
Arnold, Mr. J. F. (Prince George Road) 1
Australia, Commonwealth of .. 3
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) 1
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 2
British and Foreign Unitarian Association 2
British College of Physical Education 1
British Museum, Trustees of .. 9
Broodbank, Mr. J. G. (London and India Docks Co.) .. 3
Canada, Governor-General of 1
Canadian Manufacturers' Association 1
Catholic Reading Guild .. 6
Christian Science Reading Room 2
Comer, Mrs. (Lordship Park) .. 5
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Dodds, Mr. J. (Queen's Road) 10
Edinburgh University 1
Gilmore, Miss (Highbury New Park) 22
Guppy, Mr. Henry (Manchester) 3
Hancock, Mr. T. G. (Lordship Road) 2
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood) 5
His Majesty's Stationery Office Parliamentary Papers
Holloway, Miss (Highbury Grange) Unbound periodicals
Hudson, Mr. G. (Finsbury Park Road) 1
Jarrold & Sons, Messrs. .. 1
Jermy, Mr. A. (Castle Street) 1
Kensington Borough Council .. 1
King, Sell & Olding, Messrs. (Chancery Lane) 1
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. (Farringdon Street) 2
Leeds University 1
London County Council .. 10
London Directory Co... .. 1
London University 1
Marcham, Messrs. W. McB. & F. (Hornsey) 3
Mather, Sir W... 1
Matthews, Mr. T. G. (Green Lanes) 25
Maudling, Mr. R. G. Unbound periodicals
National Union of Clerks .. 1
Ottawa, Superintendent of Immigration for 1
Planinsky, Mr. G. J. (Croydon) 1
Reid, Miss E. (Finsbury Park Road) 1
Research Defence Society .. 1
Richards, Mr. E. Grant .. 1
Richards, Mr. T. (Birmingham) 1
Richardson, Mr. R. (c/o Messrs. Eliot & Stock) 4
Rippin, Mr. E. H. (Clissold Road) 1
Schooling, Mr. J. H. 1
Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Messrs. 2
Simpson, Mr. W. J. (Stockport) 1
Social and Political Education League 2
Tariff Reform League Leaflets
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Trinity College of Music .. 1
Truscott, Sir G. W. (Lord Mayor of London) 1
University Correspondence College 1
Victoria Institute 1
Wattson, Mr. R. M. (St. Andrew's Road) 1
Webster, Mr. W. (Sanford Terrace) 23
Welch, Mr. Charles, F.S.A. (Seven Sisters' Road) .. 32 and unbound periodicals
Whitaker & Son, Messrs. .. 1
Williams, Mr. E. H. (Albion Road) 1
Williamson, Dr. G. C. (Hampstead) 1
Winckworth, Mr. Councillor (Alexandra Road) 1
Wright, Mr. Councillor (Ex-Mayor) 2

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Allchin, Mr. J. H. (Maidstone). Photo of New River Pumping Station.
Bagust, Miss (Darenth Road). Local photographs.
Baxter, Mr. F. W. (Church Street). Transcript of the inscriptions on the Tomb Monuments and Stones in the Church and Churchyard of St. Mary's Old Parish Church. Photogravures of models of Old London. Chart of Library Issues, 1893-1907.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Bust of Charles Dickens.
Dann, Mr. B. J. (Stoke Newington Road). Local programmes, &c.
Hackney Borough Council. Map of the Borough of Hackney, 1909.
Jermy, Mr. A. (Castle Street). Print of West Hackney Church.
Marcham, Messrs. W. McB. and F. (Hornsey). Copy of list of persons assessed for Hearth Tax for Stoke Newington, 1674, and other local documents and deeds.
Rose, Mr. H. (Brownswood Park). Four local lantern slides.
Suckling, Mr. G. (Garrick Street, W.C.). Autograph letter of William Ewart, with Seal.

HOLIDAY GUIDES.

(Presented by the Local Councils).

Basingstoke, Berwick-on-Tweed, Chichester, Clacton, Dunbar, East Grinstead, Horsham, Ilkley, Inverness, Jersey, Lyndhurst, Malvern, North Berwick, Seaford, Skegness, Stirling, Southwold, Sutton Coldfield, Windermere, Ealing, Finchley, Fulham, Hampton, Hitchin, Kingston, Lewes, Richmond, Southgate, Woodford, Surbiton.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. Councillor (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph, Lynn news.
Bassingham, Mr. W. H. (Lordship Road). Rifleman.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express, Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Catford, Mr. C. E. (Victoria Grove). Labour leader.
Cutler, Mr. F. (Birdcage Walk). Christian Commonwealth.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias's Parish magazine.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayward, Mr. A. E. (Church Street). Eastern weekly press.
Jukes, Rev. A. L., M.A. West Hackney Parish monthly.
Latreille, Rev. G. B., A.K.C. St. John the Evangelist's Parish magazine.
Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.
MacDonnell, Mrs. (Park Lane). Woman worker.
Miles, Mr. A. (Tottenham). Zion's Watch tower.
Reeves, Mr. W. J. (Wyatt Road). St. John's Highbury Parish magazine.
Rogers, Mr. C. F. Abney Church Monthly
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory). St. Mary's Parish magazine.
Savery, Mr. Alderman, J.P. (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Spring, Miss (Bethune Road). Foreign field.
Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street). Oddfellows' magazine.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). British congregationalist.
White, Mrs. (Lordship Road). Votes for women.
Winckworth, Mr. Councillor (Alexandra Road). Young abstainer.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, ETC.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Finsbury, Hackney, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Kensington, St. Bride's Institute, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Bingham Library (Cirencester), Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bristol, Bromley (Kent), Bury, Cardiff, Cleveland (U.S.A.), Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Hanley, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, Nelson, New York, Newcastle, Nottingham, Plymouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Saffron Walden, Salford, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor (Canada), Yarmouth, York.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Metropolitan Water Board, Stoke Newington Borough Council, Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council's list of workmen's trains and trams.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete its sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831-50, 1852-8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5.
Engineer. v. 71-2, 79.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1—27.
Illustrated London news. v. 100, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1—78.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 2, 3, 16.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867-76.
Quarterly Review. v. 128-130, 132-133, 160, 164-69, 201.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43-50, 1874-7.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parish magazine. All previous to 1887.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1-41.

LIST OF PORTRAITS OF STOKE NEWINGTON CELEBRITIES, EXHIBITED IN THE READING ROOMS AND LENDING LIBRARY.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1909.

(Subject to Government Audit.)

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement		140 13 11
Rates—Actual product of 1d. in the £ ..	1,369 18 5	
Donations and Subscriptions	2 1 0	
Fines and Penalties	67 4 0	
Sale of Readers' Tickets and Catalogues ..	38 12 4	
Hire of Hall and Committee Room ..	248 1 6	
Bookmark and Catalogue Advertisements	112 1 0	
Telephone Call Office Commission ..	2 10 2	
Waste Paper, Reserve Postcards, &c. ..	10 19 8	
TOTAL INCOME		1,851 8 1
		£1,992 2 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Repairs and Furniture	35 10 4	
Gas and Mantles	104 1 2	
Coal, Coke and Water	43 10 9	
Cleaning materials, &c.	16 1 9	
		199 4 0
Books	159 8 5	
Binding and Numbering Books	97 14 8	
Newspapers and Magazines	91 11 3	
		348 14 4
Printing Catalogue		325 8 7
Printing and Stationery	59 15 3	
Taxes and Insurance	24 15 1	
Cost of Loan	7 0 0	
Postages and Sundries	31 5 2	
		122 15 6
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning) ..		727 9 1
Loans—Principal and Interest		236 7 9
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,959 19 3
BALANCE		32 2 9
		£1,992 2 0

MR. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.
Balance March 31st, 1908—In Bank ..	61 8 11	
,, ,, In hands of Librarian	12 7	
		62 1 6
Bank Interest		12 6
		£62 14 0

		£ s. d.
Expenditure in connection with Free Lectures		5 11 10
Balance, March 31st, 1909—In Bank ..	52 1 5	
In hands of Librarian	5 0 9	
		57 2 2
		£62 14 0

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—PART II. Loan Account—Year ended 31st March, 1909.

No.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount sanctioned to be borrowed.	Date of Sanction.	Period for Repayment.	Amounts Borrowed.	Date of Borrowing.	Rate of Interest.	Mode of Repayment.	Amount of Principal owing at commencement of year.			Amount paid this year. Principal.			Amount paid this year. Interest.			Amount of Principal owing at end of year.		
		£		Years.	£				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Purchase of Site.	1,000	7 May 1891	50	1,000	3 Dec. 1891	3½ %	100 Half-yearly Payments of principal and interest combined	841	0	5	13	3	6	29	6	6	827	16	11
2	Erection of Building.	2,621	22 Oct. 1891	30	2,621	2 July 1892	3½ %	60 do.	1,601	18	3	86	10	0	55	6	4	1,515	8	3
3	Extension of Building.	1,000	29 Oct. 1906	30	1,000	5 May 1908	3¾ %	60 do.	...	...	...	9	3	1	18	15	0	990	16	11
4	Furniture ...	400	do.	10	400	do.	3¾ %	20 do.	...	...	...	16	13	4	7	10	0	383	6	8
	TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,442	18	8	125	9	11	110	17	10	3,717	8	9

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.* G. T. J. WILLIS, *Borough Accountant.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The READING ROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS), 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS), 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Borough; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS), 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The READING ROOM is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other weekdays from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other days (except Wednesdays) from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY and READING ROOM are closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and the LENDING LIBRARY is closed on Bank Holidays.

ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The advertisement sheets of the "Daily Chronicle" are posted outside the Library, and of the "Daily Chronicle" and "Daily Telegraph" outside the Town Hall in Milton Road, each morning at seven o'clock.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

OF

STOKE NEWINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee

AND

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED

1909-10.

LONDON:
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1910.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1909–10.

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GEORGE PREECE.

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Porter:

ALFRED LONGMAN.

Stoke Newington Public Libraries.

Twentieth Annual Report.

For the Year ended 31*st March*, 1910.

The Public Libraries Committee presents the following report on the work of the Library during the past year.

STOCK AND ISSUES.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 34,132 (19,000 in the Lending Library and 15,132 in the Reference Library) a net increase during the year, by purchase and gift, of 905 volumes.

The number of volumes issued during the year was 138,868, representing a daily average of 534. This is an increase of 8,267 in the total issues, and 36 in the daily average, as compared with the previous year. The increase in fiction was 669 volumes, juvenile literature 909, and in other classes 6,689.

The percentage of fiction to the total stock is 14·7. In the issues, the percentage of fiction has fallen from 58·2 to 55·2.

The issues from the Juvenile Library were 13,961 volumes, representing a daily average of 57.

BORROWERS.

The total number of borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st, 1910, was 3,956. 813 tickets were held by ratepayers in their own names, and 3,143 by members of ratepayers' families, other residents, &c., of whom 55 were non-resident employees and subscribers. Among the borrowers were included 405 children under 15 years of age.

STOCKTAKING.

At the annual stocktaking 335 worn-out, obsolete and incomplete volumes, were withdrawn from circulation, 324 of these being replaced by new copies. There have been 13

volumes lost or damaged by borrowers, who have paid the cost of their replacement, two volumes lost through the removal or default of borrowers and their guarantors, five volumes of the total value of £1 2s. 6d. have been stolen from the unenclosed shelves in the Reference Library, and two Lending Library volumes were unaccounted for. During the year 1,094 volumes have been bound or rebound, the cost of binding and numbering being £99 1s. 5d.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The stock of books in this department now numbers 15,132, an increase of 496 volumes.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of volumes issued to readers on written applications, the daily average being 102, compared with 76 during 1908-9. In this record no account is taken of the issues of directories and various handbooks which are placed on unenclosed shelves, and the books issued are almost entirely of an educational character, and used for the purposes of study.

It is a matter for regret that the loss of books from the unenclosed shelves still continues, and the Committee has resolved that, if further thefts occur, the books will be removed from these shelves and issued only on written application.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

There has been a slight increase in the number of volumes issued from the Juvenile Library, but the total is still far below the record which was reached immediately after the opening of the Juvenile Reading Room in 1904. The alteration in the arrangement of the Counter, and other methods adopted for stricter supervision have done much to reduce the disorder which has frequently been the cause of trouble in this department.

Communications have been received from the London County Council and the Hackney Education and Literary Society on the question of co-operation between Library and School Authorities for the supply and issue of books to school children. This matter has been under the consideration of the Committee, and after a Conference with the Hackney Public Libraries Committee, the following resolution was adopted :—

> "That it is inadvisable for the Library Committees of the Boroughs to supplement the Library work of the London County Council in their Schools, out of the Library Rate."

DONATIONS.

Many donations of an important and interesting character have been received, and the Committee desires to record its thanks to the various donors, a list of whom is appended.

Mrs. Carpenter has presented an interesting model of the quaint Old Rectory House, which formerly stood in Church Street; and other valuable additions to the local collection have been made by Messrs. G. H. Alexander, F. W. Baxter, Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., W. J. Belither, D. Hipwell, F. and W. McB. Marcham, the Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, M.A., and Mr. Chas. Welch, F.S.A.

PORTRAIT OF SIR JOHN RUNTZ.

On the removal from the Borough of Sir John J. Runtz, a feeling was expressed that some mark of public appreciation should be shown for his long and valuable services rendered to Stoke Newington.

A representative Committee was formed, with Mr. Frank E. Manley as Honorary Secretary, and it was resolved that Sir John's portrait be painted and placed in the Library. Subscriptions were soon forthcoming, and a very successful life-size portrait was painted by Miss Lucy Kemp-Welch.

This was formally unveiled and presented to Sir John on November 8th, 1909, and at the same time a Jewel was presented to Lady Runtz, the ceremony being performed by the Mayor, Mr. Councillor Sheffield, J.P., in the presence of a large gathering of subscribers.

The portrait has been hung in the Library, by the side of that of his father, the late Mr. John Runtz.

The frame bears the following inscription :—

Sir John J. Runtz, Kt., J.P.,
First Mayor of Stoke Newington
and for 28 years Churchwarden of St. Mary's.
Presented by the inhabitants of the Borough,
November, 1909.

COURT ROLLS.

A further series of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Stoke Newington, covering the period from 1675—1730, has been transcribed and translated for the Committee by Messrs. F. and W. McB. Marcham, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners having again given access to the original Rolls for this purpose.

The Rolls prior to 1569 and from 1581—1674 have not yet been traced, but it is hoped that these may be found and a translation made for public use.

Other local deeds, portraits and prints have been acquired by gift and purchase.

LOAN OF PRINTS.

A selection of prints and portraits from the Sage Bequest was lent for exhibition at Romford, in connection with the Festival to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of St. Edward's Church.

An exhibition of topographical works, prints, portraits and autographs, was arranged on the occasion of a visit of the St. Luke's Students' Association to the Library, and greatly appreciated by the visitors.

FREE LECTURES.

The following Free Lectures have been delivered in the Library Hall during the winter months, these, with the exception of the first, having been illustrated by the lantern:—

General Series.

"The Life and Works of Mendelssohn," by Mr. T. R. Croger, C.C., F.Z.S., F.P.S., F.R.G.S. (with musical illustrations).

"The Origins of English Gothic Architecture," by Mr. Samuel Gardner.

"Some talk about the Navy," by Paymaster-in-Chief C. E. Gifford, C.B. (Royal Navy Retired).

"Shakespeare: the Man," by Rev. W. Hardy Harwood.

"Waterways of Norfolk," by Councillor W. H. Savery, J.P.

"Bird Nesting with the Camera," by Rev. H. Davis Bull.

"The Telephone," by Mr. A. E. Abbott (of the National Telephone Co.)

"Evolution of the Empire," by Councillor E. H. Coumbe, B.A., B.Sc., LL.B.

Juvenile Series.

"Clocks of our Forefathers," by Mr. Frank W. Baxter.

"Alice in Wonderland," by Mr. Henry W. Donald.

"Canada," by Mr. W. H. Cook.

The Committee is deeply grateful to the above-named gentlemen for so kindly giving their valuable services as Lecturers, and is again indebted to Messrs. Frank W. Baxter and W. E. Harding for their great assistance as Honorary Lanternists, and to Mr. Baxter for other assistance in connection with the Lectures.

LECTURE HALL.

The Hall has been largely used for social and educational purposes. During the past year 473 meetings of a varied character have been held in the Hall or Committee Room.

STAFF.

The Committee has lost the services of Mr. Bertie J. Harper Sub-Librarian, who resigned his post in August last, for the purpose of studying for Holy Orders. Mr. Harper has served the Committee zealously for nearly nine years, and in recommending the grant of a testimonial by the Council, the hope was expressed that his future career might be successful and happy.

Mr. George R. Bolton, Senior Assistant, St. Pancras Public Libraries, formerly of Fulham, and holder of three Professional Certificates of the Library Association, was selected from a large number of applicants to fill the vacancy.

COMMITTEE.

Following the election of the Committee in November last, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Alderman Wright, Vice-Chairman.

It is interesting to note that of the original Commissioners appointed in January, 1890, only one remains in office, viz.: Mr. Alderman Eve, who has held office as Commissioner and Member of the Committee for the whole of the period.

SUMMARY.

As twenty years have elapsed since the adoption of the Acts, a Chart, drawn by Mr. F. W. Baxter, is appended, summarizing the work of the Library for this period.

The Library has grown from 5,250 volumes at the opening, to 34,132 at the present time, and the annual issue of books from 44,045 in the first completed year, to 138,868 during the year under review.

Since the opening of the Library, 2,123,255 volumes have been lent, 64,836 tickets issued to and renewed by borrowers, and £4,059 has been expended in the purchase of books.

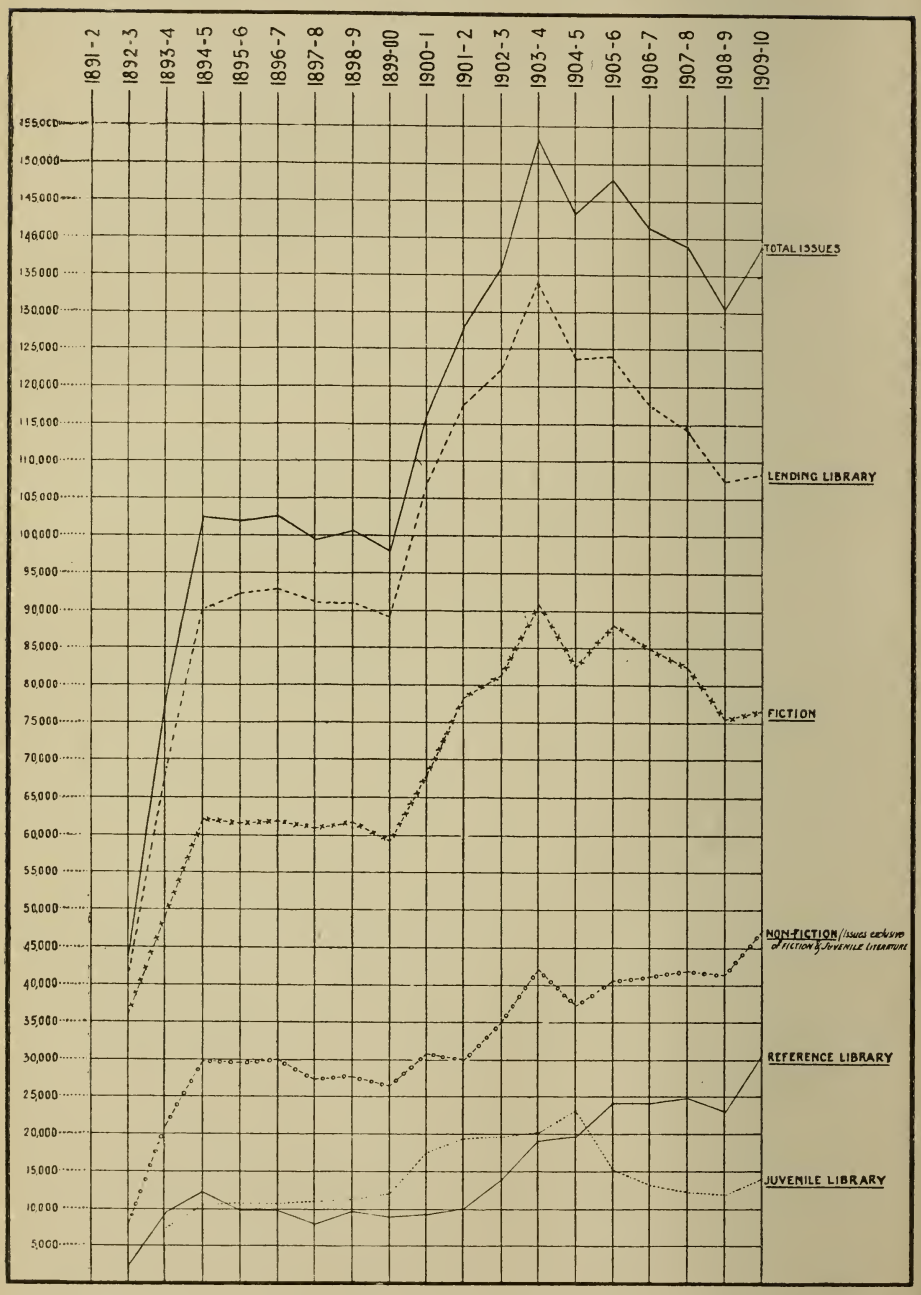
Considering the small amount received from the rate, the increase in the work and the present condition of the Library is eminently satisfactory. As reported from year to year, the Library has been enriched by large and valuable gifts of books, and to these gifts, and the unceasing attention and interest of the Librarian and other Officers, the Library owes its present state of efficiency.

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

W. S. WRIGHT, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 9th, 1910.

CHART, SHOWING ISSUE OF BOOKS, 1892–1910.



SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1890–1910.

Year.	Volumes in Stock.	Volumes Issued.	Daily Average.	Tickets Issued and Renewed.	Amount Spent on Books.	Amount Received from Rate.
					£	£
1890–1	3,550	—	—	—	140	738
1891–2	5,250	20,142	—	1,050	456	760
1892–3	8,463	44,045	—	504	302	768
1893–4	9,041	78,192	309	2,700	39	772
1894–5	9,584	102,628	388	3,106	23	772
1895–6	10,753	102,124	392	3,208	95	782
1896–7	11,457	102,750	396	3,236	107	840
1897–8	12,290	99,413	387	3,126	82	880
1898–9	12,921	100,848	383	3,090	140	900
1899–00	13,603	98,155	376	3,120	148	940
1900–1	19,490	116,285	441	3,945	154	952
1901–2	19,383	127,773	482	4,121	310	1,424
1902–3	21,303	136,179	522	4,400	405	1,426
1903–4	22,734	153,272	564	4,480	304	1,378
1904–5	23,962	143,232	590	4,480	191	1,387
1905–6	30,010	147,920	562	4,250	196	1,381
1906–7	30,870	141,663	538	4,150	232	1,377
1907–8	32,774	139,165	523	3,936	402	1,371
1908–9	33,227	130,601	498	3,944	159	1,369
1909–10	34,132	138,868	534	3,990	174	1,367
Total ..	—	2,123,255	—	64,836	£4,059	£21,584

GENERAL STATISTICS,

1909–10.

Population of the Borough (estimated 1909) ..	54,101
Area	863 acres
Assessable value, March, 1909	£353,316
Public Libraries Acts adopted :—	
Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (by which the Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, was absorbed)	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library Building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ..	April 17th, 1901
Library extension and Lecture Hall opened ..	June 11th, 1904

	1908–9.	1909–10.
Number of Volumes in stock	33,227	34,132
Increase	453	905
Total number of Volumes issued	130,601	138,868
(Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).		
Daily average issue	498	534
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ..	3,955	3,956
Average number of times which each book has been issued (Lending Library)	5·8	5·7
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	27	27

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class, 1909-10.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.			
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.
Philosophy and religion	1,410	1,410	2,820	8·3	47	1,774	2,189	3,963	2·9
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	1,010	1,531	2,541	7·4	87	1,561	1,866	3,427	2·5
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	966	615	1,581	4·6	42	1,734	2,613	4,347	3·1
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	742	396	1,138	3·3	36	2,032	2,190	4,222	3·0
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	917	572	1,489	4·4	48	2,853	2,568	5,421	3·9
Literature and language	1,939	2,917	4,856	14·2	141	3,173	4,955	8,128	5·8
History, biography and travel ..	4,719	5,423	10,142	29·7	221	6,951	7,533	14,484	10·4
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	766	1,988	2,754	8·1	142	1,093	3,159	4,252	3·1
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ..	1,797	..	1,797	5·3	66	11,202	2,759	13,961	10·1
Prose fiction	4,734	280	5,014	14·7	75	76,062	601	76,663	55·2
Total	19,000	15,132	34,132	100·0	905	108,435	30,433	138,868	100·0

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 432; Reference Library, 102; Total, 534.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Abolition of Vivisection, Society of 1
Accountants and Auditors, Society of 1
Alexander, Mr. G. H. (Lordship Road) 20
Arbitration League 2
Australia, Commonwealth of.. 4
Australia, South, Agent General for 1
Bass, Mr. G. T. (Hawksley Road) 4
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) 5
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 4
Brighton Publicity Association 1
British Museum, Trustees of.. 12
Bureau of Education (U.S.A.) 2
Canada, Assistant Superintendent of Emigration for .. 1
Carnegie, Dr. Andrew.. .. 3
Cassell & Co., Messrs... .. 1
City and Guilds of London Institute 1
Clevedon Urban District Council 1
Colquhoun, Mr. A. R... .. 1
Comer, Mrs. (Lordship Park) 2
and unbound magazines
Commissioner of Education, U.S.A... 2
Corporation of the City of London 1
Daily News, Ltd. 1
Dann, Mr. B. J. (Stoke Newington Road) 9
Davies, Mr. T. Hart (Ravensdale Road) 2
Davud, Mr. Joham (Petherton Road) 1
De Hoop, Mr. M. (Statham Grove) 4
De Lusignan, Mr. G. (Grazebrook Road) 14
Dodds, Mr. J. (Queen's Road) 3
East End Emigration Fund .. 1
East India Association (Victoria Street) 1
Emigrants' Information Office 1
Fanshawe, Mr. H. C. (South Kensington) 1
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury) .. 1
Hancock, Mr. T. G. (Lordship Road) 1
Harold, Mr. T. R. (Tottenham) 1
Health Resorts Association .. 1
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood).. 6
Hodgetts, Dr. C. A. (Toronto) 1
Homeland Association .. 1
Hoylake Urban District Council 1
Hudson, Mr. G. (Finsbury Park) 1
Huggins, Sir W. 1
Leach, Mr. T. V. (Albion Road) 5
Lempriere, Mr. W. (Queen Elizabeth's Walk) 3
London County Council .. 5
London Directory Co... .. 1
London Liberal Federation .. 1
London Publicity Company .. 1
Major, Mr. Mark B. F. (Croydon) 7
Malins, Mr. C J. (Dynevor Road) 1
Marcham, Messrs. F. and W. McB. (Palmer's Green) .. 13
Master Cotton Spinners' Association 1
Mills, Mr. C. P. (Church Street) 49
Mocatta Library and Museum 2
Mongredien, Mr. A. (Cranwich Road) 8
Myers, Miss (Winston Road).. 1
National Union of Teachers .. 1
New York Public Library .. 1
North Eastern Railway Company 1
Nutt, Mr. C. A. (Green Lanes)
Unbound magazines
Peace Union, The 1
Pitman, Sir I. & Sons, Ltd. .. 1
Reid, Miss E. (Finsbury Park Road) 1
Saffron Walden Borough Council 1
Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory) 3
Secretaries, Chartered Institute of 1
Sell, Mr. Henry (Fleet Street) 1
Smithsonian Institution .. 1
Stigand, Mr. W. 2
Stoke-upon-Trent Borough Council 1
Theosophical Publishing Co... 1
Tonic Sol-Fa College 1
Trinity College of Music .. 1
University Correspondence College 1
Victoria Natural History Museum 1
Walker, Miss L. (Dunsmure Road) 1
Welch, Mr. C., F.S.A. (Seven Sisters' Road) 15
and unbound periodicals
Winckworth, Mr. Alderman (Alexandra Road) 1
Yearly, Mr. W. E. (Winston Road) 2
Zoological Society 1

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. F. W. (Church Street). Copy of Plan of Palatine Estate. Copy of Plan of Estate in the Parish of Stoke Newington, 1797. Two local photographs.
Belither, Mr. W. J. (Town Hall). Photograph of Town Hall.
Carpenter, Mrs. (Palmeira Avenue, Westcliff). Model of Old Rectory House, Stoke Newington.
Comer, Mrs. (Lordship Park). Pair of Horns.
Cone, Mr. H. K. (Church Street). Cary's Map of London, 1799.
Marcham, Mr. W. McB. Copies of local deeds and documents.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. W. (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Daylight, Essex telegraph, Lynn news.
Bassingham, Mr. W. H. (Lordship Road). Rifleman.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express. Journal of the Geological Society.
Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.
Crowther, Mr. J. H. (Queen's Road). Chatham and Rochester news.
Cutler, Mr. F. (Birdcage Walk). Christian commonwealth.
Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' Parish magazine.
Eve, Miss (Albion Road). Common cause.
Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.
Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.
Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.
Hayward, Mr. A. E. (Church Street). Eastern weekly press.
Jukes, Rev. A. L., M.A. West Hackney Parish monthly.
Latreille, Rev. G. B., A.K.C. St. John the Evangelist's Parish magazine.
Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.
MacDonnell, Mrs. (Park Lane). Woman worker.
Miles, Mr. A. (Tottenham). Zion's watch tower.
Procktor, Mr. W. C. (Paget Road). Abney Church magazine.
Reeves, Mr. W. J. (Wyatt Road). St. John's Highbury Parish magazine.
Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.
Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory). St. Mary's Parish magazine.
Savery, Mr. Councillor, J.P. (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.
Spring, Miss (Bethune Road). Foreign field.
Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street). Oddfellows' magazine.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). British congregationalist.
White, Mrs. (Lordship Road). Votes for women.
Winckworth, Mr. Alderman (Alexandra Road). Young abstainer.

Other newspapers and magazines are presented regularly by their respective publishers.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, ETC.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Hackney, Hammersmith, Kensington, Shoreditch, University of London, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Bingham (Cirencester), Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bromley (Kent), Cambridge, Cleveland (U.S.A.), Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Gloucester, Hamburg, Hanley, Harlesden, Hornsey, Kendal, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Newark, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford University, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Saffron Walden, Salford, Southwark, Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Yarmouth, York.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Metropolitan Water Board, Stoke Newington Borough Council.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council's list of workmen's trains and trams.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive volumes or parts of any of the publications mentioned below, in order to complete the sets:—

British Association. Reports. 1831–50, 1852–8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1–27.
Illustrated London news. v. 100, 1892.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1–78.
London and Middlesex Archæological Society. Transactions. Parts 1, 3, 6 and 13.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 2, 3, 16.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867–76.
Quarterly Review. v. 128–130, 132–133, 160, 164–169, 201.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43–50, 1874–7.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parish magazine. All previous to 1887.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1–41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1910.
(Subject to Government Audit.)

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement				32	2	9
Rates—Actual product of 1d. in the £ ..	1,367	5	1			
Donations and Subscriptions	2	1	0			
Fines and Penalties	73	5	0			
Sale of Readers' Tickets and Catalogues ..	33	9	9			
Hire of Hall and Committee Room ..	270	16	9			
Bookmark Advertisements	36	1	6			
Telephone Call Office Commission ..	2	9	2			
Waste Paper, Reserve Postcards, &c. ..	13	12	1			
TOTAL INCOME				1,799	0	4
				£1,831	3	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Furniture	102	15	3			
Gas and Mantles	108	3	6			
Coal, Coke and Water	36	1	0			
Cleaning materials, &c.	14	18	4			
				261	18	1
Books	174	10	6			
Binding and Numbering Books	99	1	5			
Newspapers and Magazines	93	10	10			
				367	2	9
Printing and Stationery	53	14	1			
Taxes and Insurance	21	11	4			
Postages and Sundries	24	4	6			
				99	9	11
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning) ..				737	12	2
Loans—Principal and Interest				288	9	2
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				1,754	12	1
BALANCE				76	11	0
				£1,831	3	1

MR. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance March 31st, 1909—In Bank ..	52	1	5			
,, ,, In hands of Librarian	5	0	9			
				57	2	2
Bank Interest				0	16	5
				£57	18	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure on Free Lectures	8	6	11			
Less Receipts from Advertisements ..	3	13	6			
				4	13	5
Balance, March 31st, 1910—In Bank ..	52	17	10			
In hands of Librarian	0	7	4			
				53	5	2
				£57	18	7

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Borough Accountant.*

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Twenty-first Annual Report.

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The Public Libraries Committee presents the following report on the work of the Library during the past year.

STOCK AND ISSUES.

The Library now contains 35,662 volumes of printed books and 90 manuscript volumes, making a total of 35,752, a net increase during the year, by purchase and gift, of 1,620 volumes. The Reference Library contains 15,965 volumes and the Lending Library 19,787.

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PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

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DONATIONS.

The Committee is pleased to report the receipt of many important donations during the year, and desires to place on record the expression of its cordial thanks to the various donors.

Mrs. Bates has presented several valuable books, which previously belonged to her father, the late Mr. Edward J. Sage, including Sir Henry Spelman's "Glossarium archaiologicum, 1664," a fine interleaved copy with copious MS. notes and additions by Sir Peter Leicester; "Reliquiæ Spelmannianæ, 1608"; Sir John Spelman's "Ælfredi Magni vita, 1678"; Longfellow's "Poems," a presentation copy from the author to the late Mr. Sage; Dickens's "Little Dorrit," 1st edition, 1857; and Burke's "Dictionary of the Landed Gentry," 3 vols.

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To Mr. Frank W. Baxter, the Committee is particularly indebted for his valuable work in making a "Transcript of and Index to the Stoke Newington Parish Registers," and for presenting this, in six MS. volumes, to the Library for public use. These

volumes cover the period from 1559 to 1812, and contain records of many names famous in English history. Mr. Baxter has devoted much time and care to this work, which, with the "Transcript of the Inscriptions on Tombs, Monuments and Stones in the Church and Churchyard," previously presented by him, places conveniently for public use, local records of great importance and interest.

The Committee also desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to the Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, for kindly allowing the Registers to be transcribed.

Mr. John Murray, the eminent publisher, has kindly presented a collection of portraits of the D'Israeli family, from the recently published "Life of Disraeli," by Moneypenny.

The following donors have also contributed books, pamphlets, portraits or photographs to the local collection, viz.: Messrs. G. H. Alexander, Wynne E. Baxter, W. H. Bishop, W. Bowen, Alderman Eve, D. Hipwell, J. J. Hogg, G. Hudson, G. Kennedy, F. and W. McB. Marcham, A. Prentice, G. Sexton and the Rev. W. Bryant Salmon.

A complete list of donors is appended to the report.

FREE LECTURES.

The following Free Lectures have been delivered in the Library Hall during the winter months, all having been illustrated by lantern slides:—

General Series.

"Origin and early progress of the English drama," by Mr. Frank E. Manley.

"Rochester and Dickens' associations," by Mr. Thomas R. Nunn.

"The Incas of South America," by Rev. J. H. Gybbon Spilsbury, Ph.D., F.R.G.S.

"Through Algeria to the Sahara," by Mr. F. G. Newmarch.

"Swimming: the world's greatest pastime and exercise," by Mr. H. R. Austin.

"The Story of Ober-Ammergau and its Passion play," by Alderman J. R. Brough, C.C., ex-Mayor.

"From the Thames to the Zambezi," by Rev. Harold E. Brierley.

"History of war shown by postage stamps," by Mr. William E. Lincoln.

"Coronations," by Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A.

Juvenile Series.

"Wellington: the hero of Waterloo," and "Joan of Arc," both by Mr. Frank W. Baxter.

The Committee is deeply grateful to the above-named Lecturers, for so kindly giving their valuable services, and to Messrs. Frank W. Baxter and W. E. Harding for their great assistance as Honorary Lanternists.

LECTURE HALL.

The Hall continues to be largely used for social and educational purposes. During the past year 556 meetings of a varied character have been held in the Hall or Committee Room.

COMMITTEE.

Following the election of the Committee in November last, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Alderman Wright, Vice-Chairman.

STAFF.

At the Library Association examination, held in May, 1910, Mr. George R. Bolton, Sub-Librarian, passed in "Classification." Mr. Bolton now holds four out of six of the sectional certificates of the Association.

WYNNE E. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

W. S. WRIGHT, *Vice-Chairman.*

May 8th, 1911.

GENERAL STATISTICS,

1910–11.

Population of the Borough, 1911	50,683
Area	863 acres
Assessable value, March, 1911	£340,263
Public Libraries Acts adopted :—	
Stoke Newington	Feb. 5th, 1890
South Hornsey (by which the Finsbury Park Free Library, opened April 30th, 1894, was absorbed)	July 13th, 1898
First Commissioners appointed	March 7th, 1890
Temporary Newsroom opened	October 4th, 1890
Lending Library opened	October 12th, 1891
Permanent Library building opened	July 23rd, 1892
South Hornsey amalgamated	November 9th, 1900
South Hornsey (Milton Road) Library closed ..	April 17th, 1901
Library extension and Lecture Hall opened ..	June 11th, 1904

	1909–10.	1910–11.
Number of Volumes in stock	34,132	35,752
Increase	905	1,620
Total number of Volumes issued .. .. (Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves in Reference Library).	138,868	136,223
Daily average issue	534	517
Number of Borrowers' Cards in force ..	3,956	3,738
Average number of times which each book has been issued (Lending Library)	5·7	5·4
Number of Volumes issued per Borrower (Lending Library)	27	28

Classification, Volumes in stock, Volumes issued during the year, and the Percentage of each class, 1910-11.

Classification.	Volumes in Stock.					* Volumes Issued.			
	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of Stock.	Vols. added during the year.	Lending Library.	Ref'ence Library.	Total.	Percentage of issues.
Philosophy and religion	1,465	1,480	2,945	8·2	125	1,648	2,107	3,755	2·8
Sociology (politics, law, education, &c.)	928	1,613	2,541	7·0	..	1,089	1,673	2,762	2·0
Science (natural history, physics, &c.)	1,011	659	1,670	5·0	89	1,455	2,688	4,143	3·0
Useful arts (trades, manufactures, &c.)	773	411	1,184	3·3	46	1,673	2,294	3,967	3·0
Fine arts (architecture, painting, &c.)	1,009	650	1,659	4·6	170	2,516	2,417	4,933	3·6
Literature and language	2,196	2,992	5,188	14·5	332	2,991	5,186	8,177	6·0
History, biography and travel ..	5,025	5,654	10,679	29·9	537	6,264	6,787	13,051	9·6
Miscellaneous (general dictionaries, &c.)	792	2,225	3,017	8·4	263	1,428	3,351	4,779	3·5
Juvenile literature (in all classes) ..	1,814	..	1,814	5·0	17	12,312	2,461	14,773	10·8
Prose fiction	4,774	281	5,055	14·1	41	75,422	461	75,883	55·7
Total	19,787	15,965	35,752	100·0	1,620	106,798	29,425	136,223	100·0

Daily average issue:—Lending Library, 421; Reference Library, 96; Total, 517.

* Exclusive of books from unenclosed shelves.

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Ackland, Mr. T. G. (Clement's Inn) unbound periodicals
Alexander, Mr. G. H. (Lordship Road) 1
Bangor Town Council .. 1
Bates, Mrs. (Dumont Road).. 21
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street) .. 4
Board of Trade (Labour Department) 4
Bradford, Mr. I. G. (Buckhurst Hill) 1
Brightlingsea Urban District Council 1
British Association of Labour Legislation 7
British Columbia Bureau of Provincial Information .. 1
British Columbia Legislative Assembly 2
British Museum, Trustees of 4
Burrow, Mr. E. J. (Cheltenham) 28
Buxton Bureau of Information 1
Camberwell Borough Council 1
Carson and Comerford, Messrs. 1
Central Association of Accountants 1
Chartered Institute of Secretaries 2
Cohen, Mrs. (Allerton Road) 2
Collingwood Bros., Messrs. .. 1
Crane, Crane & Co. 1
Daily News, Ltd. 1
Dodds, Mr. J. (Queen's Road) 6
Edinburgh University.. .. 1
Edmonton Co-operative Society 1
Fryer, Mr. A. C. (Bristol) .. 1
Glass, Mrs. (Seven Sisters Road) 76
Health Resorts Association .. 54
Hipwell, Mr. D. (St. John's Wood).. 12
Hogg, Mr. J. J. (Manor Road) 7
Hudson, Mr. Gilbert (Finsbury Park Road) 2
Hunt, Dr. G. Angus (Paradise Row) 1
Incorporated Accountants' Society 1
Institute of Chartered Accountants 1
Lamont, Miss L. M. (Iver, Bucks.) 4
Lawrence, Sir E. Durning .. 1
Layton, Messrs. C. and E .. 2
London County Council .. 9
London School of Economics.. 1
London University 1
Major, Mr. Mark B. F. (Croydon) 1
Marcham, Messrs. F. and W. McB. (Palmer's Green) .. 4
Melbourne Bureau of Statistics 1
Mewburn, Ellis and Pryor, Messrs. 1
National Union of Teachers .. 1
Northampton Polytechnic Institute.. 1
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. (Cannon Street) 2
Peace Union, The 4
Peace, Mr. J. G. (Dynevor Road) 7
Portlock, Mrs. (Lordship Park) unbound magazines
Research Defence Society .. 1
Rippin, Mr. George (Clissold Road).. 3
Royal Assurance Co. 1
Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory) 4
Salvation Army 1
Savery, Mr. Councillor, J.P. (Woodberry Down) 23
Sheffield, Mr. F. L. (Grayling Road) 45
Shore, Mr. T. (Farnham) .. 1
Steel, Mr. Richard (Liverpool) 1
Swedenborgian Society .. 1
Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street) 1
Thompson, Mr. C. (Bergholt Crescent) 1
Thomson, Miss (Highbury New Park) 15
Tonic Sol-Fa College.. .. 1
Trent, Miss (Park Lane) .. 6
Trinity College, London .. 1
United States Commissioner of Education 1
University College Library .. 1
Webb, Mr. Geo. (Church Street.) 2
Welch, Mr. C., F.S.A. (Seven Sisters Road) 30
and unbound magazines
White, Mr. Councillor, LL.D., B.A. (Lordship Road) .. 1
Williams, Mr. J. R. (Albion Road) 1
Winckworth, Mr. Alderman (Alexandra Road) 23

MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Annual)	1	1	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. Photogravure of the Palace of Whitehall, from the River, published by the London Topographical Society, 1910.

Baxter, Mr. F. W. (Church Street). Transcript of and index to the registers of the Parish of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, 1559-1812. 6 Vols. (MS.)

Bishop, Mr. W. H. (Stoke Newington Road). Local election bills and papers.

Bowen, Mr. William (Lower Edmonton). Photograph of Rev. Thomas Jackson, Rector of Stoke Newington, and local views.

Eve, Alderman (Albion Road). Programme on silk of Fête at Clissold House and grounds, July 16th and 17th, 1886. Various local reports and papers.

Hogg, Mr. J. J. (Manor Road). Portrait of Rev. Timothy Cruso.

Kennedy, Mr. G. Photograph of Edwards' Lane about 1866.

Murray, Mr. John. Eight portraits of the D'Israeli family, from Moneypenny's "Life of Disraeli."

Prentice, Mr. A. (Brooke Road). Local photographs.

Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. View of Old Rectory (Lithograph). Various local pamphlets and papers.

Sexton, Mr. G. (Stoke Newington Road). Local election bills and papers.

Thomson, Miss (Highbury New Park). Collection of shells.

Webb, Mr. George (Church Street). Photograph of map of Hornsey.

Welch, Mr. Charles, F.S.A. (Seven Sisters Road). Facsimile reproduction of "Ogilby's map of the City of London, 1677" and "Ogilby's London Survey'd."

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Alcock, Mr. G. W. (Hawksley Road). Co-operative news, Lynn news.

Bassingham, Mr. W. H. (Lordship Road). Rifleman.

Baxter, Mr. Wynne E., J.P., D.L. (Church Street). Sussex express. Journal of the Geological Society.

Bishop, Miss (Brownswood Road). Herald of peace.

Crowther, Mr. J. H. (Queen's Road). Chatham and Rochester news.

Dennis, Mr. P. H. St. Matthias' Parish magazine.

Eve, Miss (Albion Road). Common cause.

Ford, Mr. C. (Highbury). Abolitionist.

Gibbs, Miss (Kenninghall Road). English churchman.

Graves, Mr. G. C., M.A. (Green Lanes). Vaccination inquirer.

Jukes, Rev. A. L., M.A. West Hackney Parish monthly.

Latreille, Rev. G. B., A.K.C. St. John the Evangelist's Parish magazine.

Litten, Mr. J. W. (Park Street). Cage birds.

MacDonnell, Mrs. (Park Lane). Woman worker.

Miles, Mr. A. (Tottenham). Zion's watch tower.

Procktor, Mr. W. C. (Paget Road). Abney Church magazine.

Reeves, Mr. W. J. (Wyatt Road). St. John's Highbury Parish magazine.

Rogers, Mrs. (Burma Road). Friendly leaves.

Salmon, Rev. W. Bryant, M.A. (The Rectory). St. Mary's Parish magazine.

Savery, Mr. Councillor, J.P. (Woodberry Down). Electrical review, Electricity.

Spring, Miss (Bethune Road). Foreign field.

Syrett, Mr. W. S. (Park Street). Oddfellows' magazine.

Tuck, Mr. A. H. (Church Street). South Africa.
Vance, Mr. T. (Lordship Grove). Catholic times.
Wheeler, Mr. E. (Lordship Park). British congregationalist.
White, Mrs. (Lordship Road). Votes for women.
Winckworth, Mr. Alderman (Alexandra Road). Young abstainer.

Other newspapers and magazines are presented regularly by their respective publishers.

LIBRARY CATALOGUES, REPORTS, &c.

London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Fulham, Hackney, Hammersmith, Islington, Kensington, St. Bride Institute, Shoreditch, Wandsworth, Westminster.

Provincial and Foreign:—Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Bingham (Cirencester), Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bromley (Kent), Cambridge, Cardiff, Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Gloucester, Handsworth, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark, Nottingham, Oxford (Bodleian), Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Saffron Walden, Salford, Southwark, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Victoria, B.C., Walthamstow, West Bromwich, Willesden Green, Windsor (Canada), Yarmouth, York.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC BODIES.

London County Council, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Metropolitan Water Board, Stoke Newington Borough Council.

RAILWAY TIME BOOKS.

Cambrian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham, London County Council's list of workmen's trains and trams.

DESIDERATA.

The Committee will be pleased to receive gifts of books and manuscripts suitable for the Library; drawings, prints, or photographs of houses and buildings in Stoke Newington; portraits of celebrated past inhabitants; and reports and programmes of Local Societies.

Also volumes or parts of any of the following publications:—

British Association. Reports. 1831–50, 1852–8.
Browning Society. Papers. Parts 1, 3, 5.
Geological Society of London. Quarterly journal. v. 1–27.
Institution of Civil Engineers. Minutes. v. 1–78.
London and Middlesex Archæological Society. Transactions. Parts 1, 3, 6 and 13.
Palæontographical Society. Transactions. v. 2, 3, 16.
Philological Society. Transactions. 1865, 1867–76.
Royal Geographical Society. Journal. v. 43–50, 1874–7.
St. Mary, Stoke Newington. Parish magazine. All previous to 1887.
Statistical Society. Journal. v. 1–41.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure under the Public Libraries Acts, for the year ended 31st March, 1911.
(Subject to Government Audit.)

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's audited Statement				76	11	0
Rates—Actual product of 1d. in the £ ..	1,368	10	0			
Donations and Subscriptions	2	1	0			
Fines and Penalties	69	18	8			
Sale of Readers' Tickets and Catalogues ..	26	12	0			
Hire of Hall and Committee Room ..	313	10	6			
Bookmark Advertisements	31	5	6			
Telephone Call Office commission ..	2	15	6			
Refund of Income Tax	16	12	6			
Waste Paper, Reserve Postcards, &c. ..	14	0	7			
TOTAL INCOME				1,845	6	3
				£1,921	17	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Furniture	93	0	0			
Gas and Mantles	114	3	9			
Coal, Coke and Water	36	2	4			
Cleaning materials, &c.	15	17	9			
				259	3	10
Books	352	11	10			
Binding and Numbering Books	88	10	6			
Newspapers and Magazines	92	3	8			
				533	6	0
Printing and Stationery	46	11	4			
Taxes and Insurance	15	1	6			
Postages and Sundries	28	19	7			
				90	12	5
Salaries and Wages (including cleaning) ..				713	5	8
Loans—Principal and Interest				288	9	2
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				1,884	17	1
BALANCE				37	0	2
				£1,921	17	3

MR. ALDERMAN EVE'S DONATION ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.
Balance March 31st, 1910—In Bank ..	52	17	10			
,, ,, In hands of Librarian	0	7	4			
				53	5	2
Bank Interest				1	1	8
				£54	6	10

				£	s.	d.
Expenditure on Free Lectures	10	19	6			
Less Receipts from Advertisements, and Hire of Lantern	4	2	10			
				6	16	8
Balance, March 31st, 1911—In Bank ..	48	12	9			
Less Balance due to Librarian ..	1	2	7			
				47	10	2
				£54	6	10

GEORGE PREECE, *Librarian and Clerk.*

G. T. J. WILLIS, *Borough Accountant.*

HOURS OF OPENING, &c.

The READING ROOM contains a liberal selection of the principal newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, BUT INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS), 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The REFERENCE LIBRARY, in which may be consulted any of the valuable works of reference contained in the Library. The Lending Library books, excepting works of fiction, may also be read here, when not required by borrowers in the Lending Library.

OPEN ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS), 9.30 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The LENDING LIBRARY, from which books may be borrowed free by any person rated, resident, or employed in the Borough; and by any approved person, not so qualified, upon payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum.

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

OTHER WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND BANK HOLIDAYS), 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The READING ROOM is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other weekdays from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY is open on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on other days (except Wednesdays) from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. The LENDING LIBRARY and READING ROOM are closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Bank Holidays.

ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The advertisement sheets of the "Daily Chronicle" and "Daily Telegraph" are posted outside the Library, each morning at seven o'clock.

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1910–11.

NOTE.—The Numbers of Books in the Reference Department are preceded by the letters "Ref" and "Sage." These books are not lent for home reading.

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